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TO: DHSS Bureau of Environmental Health Services (BEHS); Local Public Health Agencies

THROUGH: Dusty Johnson, BEHS Acting Chief 

THROUGH: Mark Jenkerson, Food Operations Manager 

FROM: Paige VanLoo, Retail Food Program Manager 

SUBJECT: Frozen Dessert Licensing Requirements, House Bill 2331

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EFFECTIVE DATE: August 28, 2022

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Missouri Law has historically required plants or places of business where ice cream, ice cream mix, ice milk, sherbet, frozen malt, ice milk mix, mellorine, edible fat frozen dessert or ices are manufactured or frozen to obtain a frozen dessert manufacturer's license from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. On Thursday, June 30, 2022, Governor Parson signed House Bill 2331, eliminating this licensing requirement in Chapter 196 RSMo.

The change in law is effective August 28, 2022. As that date approaches, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is winding down its frozen dessert licensing operations with the following actions:

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER: Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

- Notifying licensees of the change in law.
- Ceasing distribution of license renewal notifications.
- Exercising regulatory discretion regarding licensing for businesses whose license has recently expired or will soon do so; enforcement action will not be considered for unlicensed frozen dessert manufacturers.

State and local inspectors should immediately cease encouraging food establishments and processors to renew their frozen dessert license.

House Bill 2331 does not exempt food-related businesses from inspection or other food safety regulations. Food related-businesses will continue to be inspected by applicable federal/state/local inspectors using the same processes and frequencies that were previously in place.

If you or an establishment have questions regarding this, please contact (573) 751-6095 or FrozenDessert@health.mo.gov.