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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1854**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 35.1-14 of the Code of Virginia, relating to restaurant inspections; grade cards.*

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 35.1-14 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 35.1-14. Regulations governing restaurants; advisory standards for exempt entities; posting of grade cards.

A. Regulations of the Board governing restaurants shall include but not be limited to the following subjects: (i) a procedure for obtaining a license; (ii) the safe and sanitary maintenance, storage, operation, and use of equipment; (iii) the sanitary maintenance and use of a restaurant's physical plant; (iv) the safe preparation, handling, protection, and preservation of food, including necessary refrigeration or heating methods; (v) procedures for vector and pest control; (vi) requirements for toilet and cleansing facilities for employees and customers; (vii) requirements for appropriate lighting and ventilation not otherwise provided for in the Uniform Statewide Building Code; (viii) requirements for an approved water supply and sewage disposal system; (ix) personal hygiene standards for employees, particularly those engaged in food handling; and (x) the appropriate use of precautions to prevent the transmission of communicable diseases.

B. In its regulations, the Board may classify restaurants by type and specify different requirements for each classification.

C. The Board may issue advisory standards for the safe preparation, handling, protection, and preservation of food by entities exempt from the provisions of this title pursuant to § 35.1-25 or § 35.1-26.

*D. The Board shall develop and implement a sanitation grading system that rates the compliance by a restaurant with subsection A. This grading system will result in a grade card that shall indicate, in a form easily comprehended by the general public, a system of scoring and shall be posted in a conspicuous location within the restaurant. Regulations shall also provide for the revocation of a license for establishments receiving a grade rated as not acceptable.*

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