

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2004 SESSION

CHAPTER 953

An Act to amend and reenact § 3.1-398.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to inspections of food stores.

[H 766]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.1-398.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1-398.1. Inspections required to operate food establishment.

No person shall operate a food manufacturing plant, food storage warehouse, or retail food store until it has been inspected by the Commissioner. This section shall not apply to food manufacturing plants operating under a grant of inspection from the Bureau of Meat and Poultry Inspection or a permit from the Bureau of Dairy Services of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Grade A fluid milk manufacturing plants and shellfish and crustacea processing plants operating under a permit from the Virginia Department of Health. This section shall also not apply to: *(i) any nonprofit organizations holding one-day food sales, or (ii) any retail establishments that (a) do not prepare or serve food; (b) sell only food or beverages that are sealed in packaging by the manufacturer and have been officially inspected in the manufacturing process; (c) do not sell infant formulas; (d) do not sell salvaged foods; and (e) certify to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that they meet the foregoing provisions of this section. Retail establishments that meet the provisions of clause (ii) shall be exempt from inspection and the inspection fees; however, nothing in this section shall prevent the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from inspecting any retail establishment if a consumer complaint is received.*