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POSITION STATEMENT: Food and Lodging Permit Fee Changes

PURSUANT TO: Session Law 2013-360

SOURCE: Layton Long, Environmental Health Section

ISSUE:
Required changes to food and lodging permit fees

DISCUSSION AND RATIONALE:

Session Law 2013-360 changes the annual fee charged by the Environmental Health Section for food and lodging permits from \$75 to \$120. The formula for splitting the permit fee between the section and local health departments has also changed with no more than \$50 remaining with the section and \$70 being distributed to local health departments to be used to support food and lodging programs.

Some exceptions were added so the Environmental Health Section will not assess a fee for temporary food establishments and limited food service establishments in addition to the nutrition sites for the elderly, establishments that sell meat or poultry and school cafeterias that were already exempt from the permit fee. A provision was added to the law requiring that local health departments charge a \$75 fee for each permit for a temporary food establishment or limited food service establishment.

RESPONSE / INTERPRETATION:

Effective August 1, 2013 local health departments are to charge a \$75 fee for each permit issued to a temporary food establishment or limited food service establishment. The proceeds from those fees are to be used to support local Food, Lodging and Institution Program activities.

REFERENCES:

Session Law 2013-360

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