

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 35.1-14.01, relating to restaurants; food
3 allergy awareness notice required.

4 [S 248]
5 Approved

6 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

7 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 35.1-14.01 as follows:

8 § 35.1-14.01. Food allergy awareness notice required.

9 A. The Commissioner shall make available on the Department's website, in English and in the top six
10 languages other than English spoken in the Commonwealth according to the latest available data from the
11 United States Census Bureau, a notice containing information for staff of restaurants regarding food
12 allergies as well as a translation of the following: "If you have a food allergy, please notify us." Such notice
13 shall include:

14 1. The procedures to be followed if a customer informs the staff of a restaurant that such customer has a
15 food allergy;

16 2. Any procedures to be followed to prevent cross-contact; and

17 3. The procedures to be followed if a customer has an allergic reaction, including a recommendation
18 regarding the circumstances in which to call emergency medical services.

19 B. Every restaurant permitted pursuant to this chapter shall post a copy of the notice prepared pursuant
20 to subsection A in a conspicuous location accessible to all employees involved in the preparation or service
21 of food in at least one of the languages spoken by each employee to the extent such languages are among
22 those in which the Commissioner makes the notice available.

23 C. Every restaurant permitted pursuant to this chapter operating in the Commonwealth that provides a
24 menu to its customers shall include in a conspicuous manner on each menu or on a sign posted conspicuously
25 in the restaurant the following: "If you have a food allergy, please notify us." If such menu is available in a
26 language other than English for which the Commissioner makes a translation available pursuant to
27 subsection A, such restaurant shall also include such translation in a conspicuous manner. Every restaurant
28 permitted pursuant to this chapter that provides a menu on its website or otherwise provides a menu on the
29 Internet shall also include on such menu a food allergy notification to customers and provide a method by
30 which a customer may indicate any food allergy.