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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB248ER

Patron: Srinivasan

Bill Title: Restaurants; food allergy awareness notice required.

Bill Summary: Requires the State Health Commissioner to publish a notice in multiple languages on the Department of Health's website containing procedures for restaurant staff to follow when a customer has a food allergy. The bill requires restaurants to post such notice in a conspicuous location. The bill also requires restaurants to include the phrase, "If you have a food allergy, please notify us," and its translation, if applicable, on their menus or on a sign posted conspicuously in the restaurant.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: Minimal fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: Any increase in workload to publish a notice on VDH's website can be handled within existing resources. Additionally, any increase in workload to check for such notice can be handled during the course of a routine restaurant inspection.

Other: This bill is similar to HB373.