



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**

Introduced 2/6/2004, by Dan Rutherford

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

410 ILCS 625/3.1 new

Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Provides that neither the Department of Public Health nor the health department of a unit of local government may regulate the serving of food that is brought to a potluck event sponsored by a group of individuals or a religious, charitable, or nonprofit organization by individuals attending the potluck event for consumption at the potluck event. Provides that: a group or organization sponsoring a potluck event may advertise the potluck event to the public through any means; individuals who are not members of a group or organization sponsoring a potluck event may attend the potluck event and consume the food at the event; no fee may be charged for admission to a potluck event nor may food be sold at a potluck event; a business establishment dealing in the sale of food items may not sponsor a potluck event; and potluck event food may not be brought into the kitchen of a business establishment dealing in the sale of food items.

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1 AN ACT concerning public health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 3.1 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 625/3.1 new)

7 Sec. 3.1. Potluck events. Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of law, neither the Department of Public Health nor  
9 the health department of a unit of local government may  
10 regulate the serving of food that is brought to a potluck event  
11 sponsored by a group of individuals or a religious, charitable,  
12 or nonprofit organization by individuals attending the potluck  
13 event for consumption at the potluck event. A group or  
14 organization sponsoring a potluck event may advertise the  
15 potluck event to the public through any means. Individuals who  
16 are not members of a group or organization sponsoring a potluck  
17 event may attend the potluck event and consume the food at the  
18 event. No fee may be charged for admission to a potluck event  
19 that is exempt from regulation under this Section, nor may food  
20 be sold at a potluck event that is exempt from regulation under  
21 this Section. A business establishment dealing in the sale of  
22 food items may not sponsor a potluck event. Potluck event food  
23 may not be brought into the kitchen of a business establishment  
24 dealing in the sale of food items.