

Senate Bill No. 482

(By Senator Williams)

[Introduced February 4, 2014; referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-6-25, relating to food handler examinations and cards; requiring an accredited food safety certification program; requiring a food handler card within thirty days of being hired; and establishing that the cards are valid for three years and in all counties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-6-25, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

§16-6-25. Food handler examinations and cards.

All food handlers are required to pass an examination from an accredited food safety certification program, with at least one

1 online accredited food safety certification program offered. The
2 bureau shall approve a list of accredited food safety certification
3 programs. Once the examination is passed, the food handler shall be
4 issued a card that is valid for three years. A food handler card
5 is required within thirty days of being hired in a restaurant or
6 other applicable food establishment and is valid in every county of
7 the state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish food handler
card requirements.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and
underscoring have been omitted.