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Type: Resolution

Title: Expression of opposition to Senate Bill 2961

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Health and Environmental Protection

A resolution adopted by The City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois

Presented by Alderman George Cardenas on March 14, 2012

WHEREAS, the 97th Illinois General Assembly is considering the passage of Senate Bill 2961 amending the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2961 proposes to reduce the number of hours required to obtain Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification from 16 to 8 hours.

WHEREAS, food borne illnesses and food born contaminant related fatalities are a grave concern both statewide and nationally. Every year one in six people in the United States gets sick from eating contaminated food. There are over 1000 outbreaks nationally that include Salmonella poisoning and E. Coli. Over 1,000,000 Americans get sick from eating food contaminated with Salmonella annually.

WHEREAS, reducing the amount of time managers of facilities where food is served and handled are required to attend could lead to increases in food borne illness and related fatalities. Lowering the standard for food safety may teach food handlers HOW to properly answer questions on an exam, but undermine the ability of students to learn WHY those answers are correct and therefore retain their knowledge.

WHEREAS, Chicago is a world-class hospitality city. The hospitality industry is one of the few industries in Chicago that is flourishing in Illinois' current economic climate and is also a leader in food safety standards. Lowering our safety standards could give the industry and the City a substantial "black eye" and damage the reputation and economic benefits we currently enjoy if an outbreak of food borne illness or related deaths were to occur in the wake of our lowering our sanitation standards.

WHEREAS, Illinois is currently a leader in food safety training and as a result suffers among the lowest rates of contaminated food related illness and deaths. Bringing Illinois' down to the level of other states does not make sense when considering the higher revenue generated by the hospitality industry in Illinois as compared to those other states.

WHEREAS, the purpose of Senate Bill 2961 is to lessen the cost of training for hospitality entities that already provide corporate training to their managers. However, only 20% of managers presently work for venues that employ such training leaving the remaining 80% of the managers with no training to compensate for the lack of additional programs.

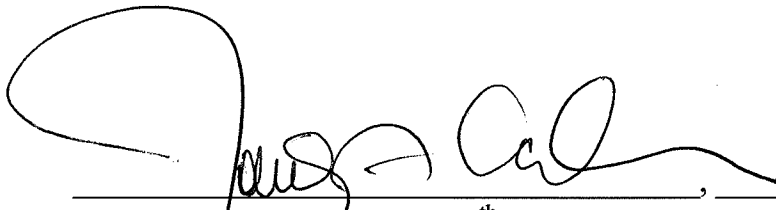
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2961 further seeks to revoke home rule powers and functions of the City of Chicago with regards to Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification by reserving food handler training as an exclusive function of the State.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2961 seeks to entirely strip the City of Chicago of its right to regulate its flourishing hospitality industry. The bill constitutes a complete and total “denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions” of the City making it “an exclusive function of the State” and entirely prohibiting the City from regulating the safety of its residents and businesses.

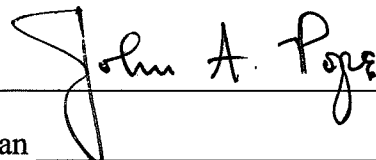
BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Chicago City Council opposes Senate Bill 2961 in its current form.



BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Chicago City Council opposes the usurpation of home rule authority and reaffirm the ability of the City of Chicago to regulate its food safety standards to protect its citizens.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Chicago City Council expresses its support for the safety of Illinois restaurant customers and the Illinois restaurant industry by allowing an exemption for the City of Chicago and the Chicago Department of Public Health from Senate Bill 2961.


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