

2023 Kansas Statutes

12-16,137. Same; prohibitions; exceptions. (a) The regulation of consumer incentive items and nutrition labeling for food and nonalcoholic beverages that are menu items in restaurants, retail food establishments or vending machines is reserved to the legislature and may be regulated only by legislation of statewide application enacted after the effective date of this act. The regulation of the provision of food nutrition information and consumer incentive items at food service operations and how food service operations are characterized are matters of general statewide interest that require statewide regulation, and rules and regulations adopted under this section constitute a comprehensive plan with respect to all aspects of the regulation of the provision of food nutrition information and consumer incentive items at food service operations in this state. Rules and regulations adopted under this act shall be applied uniformly throughout this state.

(b) The state of Kansas, and any political subdivision thereof, shall not do any of the following:

(1) Enact, adopt or continue in effect local legislation relating to the provision or nonprovision of food nutrition information or consumer incentive items at food service operations;

(2) condition any license, permit or regulatory approval upon the provision or nonprovision of food nutrition information or consumer incentive items at food service operations;

(3) ban, prohibit or otherwise restrict food at food service operations based upon the food's nutrition information or upon the provision or nonprovision of consumer incentive items;

(4) condition any license, permit or regulatory approval for a food service operation upon the existence or nonexistence of food-based health disparities;

(5) where food service operations are permitted to operate, ban, prohibit or otherwise restrict a food service operation based upon the existence or nonexistence of food-based health disparities as recognized by the department of health, the institute of health or the centers for disease control;

(6) restrict the sale, distribution or serving of foods and nonalcoholic beverages that are approved for sale by the United States department of agriculture or other federal or state government agencies; or

(7) restrict the growing or raising of livestock or grain, vegetables, fruits or other crops grown or raised for food and approved for sale by the United States department of agriculture or other federal or state government agencies.

(c) K.S.A. 12-16,136 and 12-16,137, and amendments thereto, shall not be interpreted as being more restrictive than any federal law or affecting in any manner the regulation of the nutrition labeling of food that is a menu item in restaurants, retail food establishments and vending machines pursuant to the federal food, drug and cosmetic act, 21 U.S.C. § 343(q)(5)(H).

(d) Nothing in K.S.A. 12-16,136 and 12-16,137, and amendments thereto, restricts a political subdivision, as defined herein, from owning or managing a food service facility and from purchasing and serving food products according to the Kansas food code and their own policies as long as those policies are not laws or ordinances restricting any other entity.

(e) Nothing in K.S.A. 12-16,136 and 12-16,137, and amendments thereto, shall be construed as limiting or restricting the zoning authority of a political subdivision authorized by article 7 of chapter 12 or article 29 of chapter 19 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or by any other provision of law.

(f) Nothing in K.S.A. 12-16,136 and 12-16,137, and amendments thereto, restricts a political subdivision, as defined herein, from creating and promulgating food nutrition information or food-based health disparity information, only in accordance with the United States department of agriculture dietary guidelines for Americans promulgated under 7 U.S.C. § 5341, as long as the information is not contained in a law or ordinance restricting any other entity.

(g) Nothing in this act restricts a political subdivision from financially participating in a food assistance program as long as that program operates in accordance with the

United States department of agriculture dietary guidelines for Americans promulgated under 7 U.S.C. § 5341, and as long as the program is not contained in a law or ordinance restricting any other entity.

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