HOUSE BILL No. 2291

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

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AN ACT concerning food establishments that are microbreweries; permitting such food establishments to allow dogs on the premises notwithstanding certain provisions of the Kansas food code; establishing conditions therefor.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of state law, a food establishment, as defined in K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-656, and amendments thereto, that is a microbrewery as defined in K.S.A. 48-201, and amendments thereto, and is licensed as provided in K.S.A. 48-308b, and amendments thereto, may allow live dogs on the premises if the conditions specified in subsection (b) are met.

- (b) The following conditions shall be met, for both indoor and outdoor areas as applicable, by a food establishment that is a microbrewery as provided by subsection (a) for dogs to be permitted on such food establishment's premises pursuant to this section:
- (1) The food establishment shall prepare a written plan describing the processes and procedures in place to prevent food contamination from dogs on the premises. The plan shall be posted next to the food establishment license inside the premises of the food establishment. The employees of the food establishment shall be trained on the plan, and the plan shall be made available to the Kansas department of agriculture upon request;
- (2) dogs shall be under handler control. Dogs shall be well behaved and respond to their handler's command. Dogs belonging to food establishment owners, management or employees shall not be required to be leashed. Dogs belonging to guests of the food establishment shall be leashed at all times;
- (3) dogs in indoor areas shall not be permitted in food or drink preparation areas, including, but not limited to, kitchens and behind bars;
- (4) dogs shall not be permitted on dining surfaces, including tables, bars or counter tops;
- (5) dogs shall not be fed or watered from any food establishment equipment, including, but not limited to, plates, bowls and utensils, except for single-service items that are disposed of immediately following such use;

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 (6) an area outside the food establishment shall be designated for dog urination and defecation;

- (7) employees shall be required to wash their hands after contact of any kind with a dog prior to handling any food, drink, utensil or food or drink production, preparation or serving equipment or the preparation or use of surfaces that may come into contact with food or drink;
- (8) guests shall be advised to wash their hands after any contact with a dog; and
- (9) a process for immediately sanitizing equipment or surfaces used for the production, preparation, serving or consumption of food or drink if a dog has contact with such equipment or surfaces shall be developed and followed by the food establishment. This process shall include instructions for disposing of contaminated food or drink.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.