

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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HB 217 Summary of changes Version O to Version I

Title:

Amends the title to remove the section of code relating to foods exempt from regulations.

Section 1

Removes the short title - Alaska Food Freedom Act.

Section 5

Removes all of section 5 which related to certain foods that would be exempt from regulations and would have allowed those foods to be sold online and picked up at a farmers' market, a farm or another place designated by the seller.

Sections 6-11

There currently exists a seven percent state and municipal procurement preference for Alaska Grown agricultural products harvested in the state and Alaska Grown fisheries products harvested or processed in the state. Version T originally changed the seven percent preference to a 15 percent preference. The House Finance Committee amended the bill to change the *Shall* to *May* in this section. Instead of requiring a 15 percent procurement preference, this would give flexibility to purchase fisheries and agriculture products if priced not more than 15 percent above a similar product harvested outside the state.

Section 14

Changes the effective date to January 1, 2019.

Renumerates all the sections accordingly.