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An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Municipal Inspections of Establishments

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2499, first ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 193, Pt. B, §9 and c. 295, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in order to ensure statewide uniformity in health standards, health inspector certification and the maintenance of inspection report records, a municipality must have been delegated authority by the department to conduct inspections and demonstrated adherence to requirements under this section prior to performing any municipal inspections under such authority. The department may issue a license to an establishment as defined in section 2491 on the basis of an inspection performed by a health inspector who works for and is compensated by the municipality in which such an establishment is located, but only if the following conditions have been met.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to remove language that prohibits a municipality from licensing eating establishments. The bill also corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2011, chapters 193 and 295, which affected the same provision of law. The bill repeals the provision and replaces it with the chapter 295 version.