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By Representatives L. Thomas, Morris, Backlund, Dyer, McMorris, Huff, Hymes, Ballasiotes, Thompson, Pelesky, Mulliken, Patterson and Kessler

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1 AN ACT Relating to tests required for food and beverage
2 establishment workers' permits; adding a new section to chapter 69.06
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is
6 increasing public concern regarding the spread of certain diseases, and
7 that there are possible health risks to the public from persons with
8 these diseases working in the food and beverage industry. Therefore
9 the legislature intends to maintain public confidence in the safety of
10 restaurants and other establishments that serve food on a regular basis
11 by requiring testing of food handlers for hepatitis A.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.06 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 To receive a permit provided under RCW 69.06.010, an applicant for
15 a new permit or renewal of an existing permit must provide proof that
16 the applicant has been tested for, within the previous three months,
17 and shows no evidence of having hepatitis A.

1 This section does not apply to the operator or person in charge of
2 a temporary food service establishment, as defined in RCW 69.06.045.

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