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S.F. No. 4500 – Food product sampling and demonstration

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S.F. 4500 amends provisions in the section of statutes relating to food product sampling and demonstration at a farmers' market or community event. The effective date for all sections is August 1, 2024.

Section 1 (28A.151, subdivision 1) amends definitions to delete redundant language and ensure that the provisions apply to all products sold at a farmers' market, not only those sold directly to a consumer.

Section 2 (28A.151, subdivision 2) provides clarifying language requiring that food used in sampling and demonstration is sourced in compliance with Minnesota Food Law.

Section 3 (28A.151, subdivision 3) clarifies that samples are given with no cost to the recipient.

Section 4 (28A.151, subdivision 5) exempts those who are offering prepackaged food samples from having a handwashing device.

Section 5 (28A.151) establishes a new requirement that any ingredients and major food allergens be identified for food product samples and demonstrations.