

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Health Code - Code Cleanup]

Ordinance amending the Health Code to repeal the prohibition on transporting bread in open baskets or containers on City streets, the prohibition on selling unsterilized rags and other types of cloth to be used for cleaning in industrial places of employment and related regulations, and the prohibition on operating a laundry for sterilizing such rags without a permit.

Existing Law

The Health Code prohibits the conveyance of bread, cakes, or pastries intended for human consumption through public streets in open baskets or in exposed containers or vehicles.

The Health Code prohibits the sale of soiled rags, underclothing, garments, bedding, or parts thereof to be used as “wiping rags” for cleaning in industrial employment settings unless properly sterilized. Employers are prohibited from providing employees unsterilized wiping rags. Such sterilization cannot occur in the same building or using the same machines that are used to launder personal or household items. Sterilized rags must be properly labeled when sold. The Department of Public Health is required to inspect and certify properly sterilized wiping rags. A laundry that launders or sterilizes wiping rags must hold a permit from the Department of Public Health.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would repeal the antiquated provisions of the Health Code described above.