

Subject Food safety
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Summary

This bill would (1) lift the \$18,000 annual sales limit for the cottage foods license exemption, (2) expand eligibility to include those who structure their cottage food business as a corporation or limited liability company, and (3) allow producers of canned cottage foods to use a post office box, rather than their home address, on the required labels.

Under current law, most individuals and companies that sell food must obtain a state food handler license and be inspected by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) or a delegated local health board. Cottage food producers—i.e., individuals who sell no more than \$18,000/year of homemade baked goods, canned goods, or other foods that pose a low risk of foodborne illness—are not required to obtain a food handler license but must register with MDA and satisfy certain labeling and training requirements.