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To: Board of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

From: Ben Brancel, Secretary *Ben Brancel*
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Subject: **Transfer of Restaurant and Recreational Programs – status report**

Presented by: Steve Ingham, Division of Food and Recreational Safety.

Requested Action: None; informational presentation

A year has gone by since programs regulating restaurants and vending machines were transferred from the Department of Health Services (DHS) to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). For the past year, food safety has been regulated by one state-level agency, with establishment inspections conducted by DATCP Sanitarians or local health department Sanitarians acting as agents for DATCP. Recreational Licensing programs (hotels and other lodging establishments, pools and recreational water facilities, campgrounds, and recreational / educational camps) were also transferred to DATCP a year ago.

These transfers added 35 positions to the now-named Bureau of Food and Recreational Businesses, and dramatically broadened the scope of bureau activities. During the past year, the bureau has undergone a significant turnover in personnel, while endeavoring to standardize policies, revise rules, and ensure that field staff are well-trained for regulating the businesses in their assigned geographic areas.

Through selected metrics, this presentation will summarize how the past year has gone for the bureau. “Metrics” are numbers used to evaluate how things are going and make good decisions for the future. The metrics presented will show how the Bureau is improving service, gaining efficiency, and equipping staff and agent partners for success. The metrics will also reflect several challenges over the past year, and point toward future goals.

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