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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, food trucks and similar mobile food vendors must obtain business licenses and be inspected by local health officials and fire officials in all counties and municipalities in which the mobile food vendors temporarily operate.

This bill would require mobile food vendors to meet all of the requirements for operating a mobile food vendor in the jurisdiction where the vendor has established its permanent commissary, that is, its permanent location where the vendor parks when not in service.

This bill would otherwise exempt a mobile food vendor from obtaining individual licenses or other requisite permissions from local jurisdictions when the mobile food vendor travels outside the jurisdiction of its permanent commissary.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to food trucks and other mobile food vendors;
to exempt mobile food vendors from obtaining licenses and



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other permissions to operate in various locations throughout the state so long as the vendors meet the requirements for operating in the jurisdiction where the vendors establish their permanent commissary.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) COMMISSARY. A fixed location as designated by the operator of a mobile food vendor where the mobile food vendor is parked when not in use.

(2) MOBILE FOOD VENDOR. A mobile food service establishment from which a vendor prepares, cooks, sells, or serves food. The term includes any mobile food establishment regulated by the Alabama Department of Public Health, any structure housed on a motor vehicle chassis or on a trailer that a motor vehicle pulls to transport the cooking equipment or food service establishment, or a cart used for food services which is not motorized.

(b) (1) On and after October 1, 2025, a mobile food vendor shall be subject to all applicable state and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances necessary to operate only in the jurisdiction where the mobile food vendor operator has established its commissary. A mobile food vendor shall be otherwise exempt from obtaining any other license, permit, or other permission, including undergoing an inspection, in any other jurisdiction in the state where the mobile food vendor temporarily operates.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), a mobile food



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57 vendor shall be subject to all applicable municipal zoning
58 ordinances at all times.

59 (c) To the extent that a mobile food vendor is required
60 by law, rule, regulation, or ordinance to be licensed,
61 permitted, or inspected, or any combination thereof, by any
62 governmental body, whether state or local, in order to conduct
63 business on a temporary basis in a specific jurisdiction, this
64 section shall supersede any such provision that conflicts with
65 this section but shall otherwise be construed in pari materia
66 with such provision.

67 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
68 1, 2025.