

HCS HB 1115 -- COMMONSENSE CONSUMPTION ACT (Dempsey)

This substitute prohibits civil lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of food for any claims arising out of weight gain, obesity, or health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided for certain violations of state and federal law. Rules for pleadings and the procedure for filing a lawsuit pursuant to an exception are specified.

The substitute becomes effective January 1, 2005, and applies to all covered claims pending or filed after that date.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.