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Delegate Action: Accepted _____ Rejected _____

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1. Title: [Briefly describe the purpose of this Issue.]

Certification of Health Officials- section 8-402.11

2. Issue you would like the Conference to consider: [Explain in detail the Issue that concerns you. List relevant references.]

There is no national requirement that outlines a minimum educational component for regulatory officials.

The current food code language in section 8-402.11 is not specific and does not provide the regulatory official with the elements they need to know in order to have the knowledge, skills and ability to adequately perform their required duties. Although there are programs available to the regulatory official that would provide the necessary training, many are not feasible while being specific to food safety.

In order to focus the inspection efforts on food safety and sanitation and to better communicate the results of the inspection to the establishment, regulatory officials should possess, at a minimum, the same level of food safety knowledge as the industry it is regulating. Regulatory persons that possess a credential in food safety and sanitation will better assess the food safety knowledge of the person in charge and the conditions of the establishment.

Montana state officials recognized this fact and passed legislation in the State setting minimum requirements for inspector certification and training. More states should take this lead.

3. Public Health Significance: [Completely describe what impact this Issue will have on food service, retail food or vending.]

Regulatory officials that earn a food safety credential before they begin conducting inspections on their own and, as a start to their training curriculum, will be able to apply their knowledge immediately and better assure the protection of the public's health.



4. Recommended Solution: [State as precisely as possible what action you would like the Conference to take to address this Issue. Cite the **specific** type of change, location (page and line), and exact wording to be changed in a document, such as the Food Code or Conference document.] **The Conference recommends.....**

Regulatory officials who conduct inspections of food establishments should be required to take and pass, at a level that will allow the Regulatory Official to be eligible for trainer status, a food protection manager certification examination that is accredited by ANSI/CFP.

Additionally, the Regulatory Officials must have completed state training that "standardizes" the inspector on methods of inspections prior to conducting foodservice audits on their own. Standardization programs support uniformity of applying the Food Code within and among local health departments.

As such section 8-402.11 be amended to read:

B. Any individual intending to inspect the facilities, equipment, processes, premises, records or other information of a food establishment for compliance with food safety standards on behalf of the jurisdiction, must have shown proficiency in food safety and sanitation practices through passing a food protection manager certification examination that is accredited through ANSI/CFP at a level that will allow the Regulatory Official to become eligible for trainer status with the organization providing the exam and must have been standardized by the state prior to conducting inspections.

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