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Employees of Meal Subscription Companies may be Required to Obtain Food Handler Cards

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The California Legislature recently passed AB 1461 which, if signed into law, would require all food-handling employees of food facilities that provide meal subscription plans to obtain food handler cards in accordance with existing requirements. All for-profit food facilities that offer meal subscription plans would be subject to the new law. "Meal subscription plans" would include all subscription-based meal delivery services that provide customers with original recipes and proportioned ingredients needed to prepare those recipes at home. Employees and independent contractors who provide services to online websites or mobile applications that enable individuals to place food delivery orders from food facilities would not be subject to the requirement. This Bill was presented to Governor Jerry Brown on September 7, 2017, and is awaiting his signature.

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