

AB 1276



California's New Bill Regarding Single-Use Foodware

California's AB 1276 builds on the state's existing efforts to combat waste from single-use items. Providing food and beverage accessories only upon request to customers will significantly reduce unnecessary waste and save businesses and local governments money.

Sec.3. 42271 In order to reduce the amount of waste created from single-use items the retail food industry is now required to:

1. Only provide single-use condiments and accessories to consumers upon request
2. Only provide single-use condiments and accessories required to eat the ready-to-eat food
3. No bundling of single-use accessories or condiments
4. Only offer those single-use items needed to eat or prevent spillage of the ready-to-eat food at a drive-through as well as in a public use airport
5. A third-party delivery platform shall provide consumers with the option to request single use condiments and accessories
6. A food facility that uses a third-party platform shall customize their menu with a list of available single-use accessories and/or condiments. Only those items chosen by the consumer will be delivered. If no single-use accessories and/or condiments are requested none will be provided
7. Unwrapped single-use foodware accessories that are self-serve, standard condiments that are self-serve, and/or bulk dispensed condiments may still be used

Facilities in violation of the law may be fined.

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For this ordinance, single-use foodware accessories include plastic utensils, chopsticks, condiment cups and packets, straws, stirrers, splash sticks and cocktail sticks. Standard condiments include ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, soy sauce, hot sauce, salsa, salt, pepper, sugar, sugar substitutes, relishes, spices and other seasonings or sauces that are usually used on food after preparation.