Overview

Food, beverage, and lodging establishments are regulated by the commissioner of health. Generally, food and beverage service establishments must be licensed by the commissioner and are subject to periodic inspections. Section 157.22, the section being amended in this bill, establishes exemptions from the licensing, inspection, and other requirements of chapter 157 and rules. In current law, a potluck event is not subject to this chapter if food for the event is brought in by members of the organization sponsoring the potluck event for consumption only by members of the sponsoring organization. This bill allows any person attending the potluck event, not just members of the organization sponsoring the event, to bring food not prepared at a food and beverage service establishment (home-prepared food) to the event; allows an organization sponsoring a potluck event to advertise the event to the public; and allows people who are not members of the organization sponsoring the event to attend the event and eat the food. It also requires a sign to be posted and prohibits certain conduct.

1. **Exemptions.** Amends § 157.22. Amends a clause exempting certain potluck events from the licensing, inspection, and other requirements for food and beverage service establishments in chapter 157, as follows:

   - allows any individual attending a potluck event, not just a member of an organization sponsoring a potluck event, to prepare food at a location other than a food and beverage service establishment and bring the food to a potluck event;
   - allows an organization sponsoring a potluck event to advertise the event to the public through any means;
   - allows individuals who are not members of the organization sponsoring the potluck event to attend the event and eat the food;
   - requires a sign to be posted notifying attendees that the food was not prepared at a licensed kitchen;
   - prohibits licensed food establishments from sponsoring these events; and
prohibits food for potlucks from being brought into licensed food establishment kitchens.