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# Texas Introduces Statewide Food Truck Permit from July 1

## Description

Eloisa Schessler and her husband launched Eloisa's Kitchen Food Truck in Dallas to support their daughter, who had experienced a significant head injury. Through diligent effort, the family developed a small business where their daughter serves as sous chef and oversees the truck's creative design. Gradually, they observed improvements in her condition.

However, excessive government regulations hinder the food truck's potential growth. The family wishes to expand their service to other cities, yet each location requires a costly permit that necessitates taking time off work for inspections. Schessler expressed frustration over the financial loss incurred during this process.

A new law, House Bill 2844, passed last year and effective from July 1, aims to alleviate some of the financial burdens on food truck operators. The legislation mandates the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to establish a statewide operating permit applicable to all Texas food trucks. Currently, operators incur separate fees for each city's permits, which can total hundreds of dollars, despite similar inspection standards among jurisdictions.

Despite these anticipated benefits, some cities oppose the new law, fearing it diminishes local control over food truck operations. For example, the City of Dallas imposes a considerable application fee, while Amarillo charges between \$800 and \$900 for permits.

DSHS is currently finalising implementation strategies under the new bill. It will categorise food trucks based on food preparation methods, and it is projected that the state will issue licenses to approximately 19,000 food trucks at fees ranging from \$300 to \$1,350 initially, followed by renewal costs.

Some local officials assert concerns about losing revenue from permit fees, while state officials predict the new system will ultimately benefit the majority of food truck owners by allowing greater operational flexibility. As a result, food truck operators anticipate increased opportunities for business growth as they navigate fewer regulatory challenges.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **permit** //ˈpɜːmɪt// (noun): official paper allowing you to do something
2. **inspections** //ɪnˈspɛkʃənz// (noun): careful checks to see if rules are followed
3. **legislation** //ˌlɛdʒɪˈsleɪʃən// (noun): a law or group of laws made by government
4. **jurisdictions** //ˌdʒʊrɪsˈdɪkʃənz// (noun): areas that have legal control or authority
5. **statewide** //ˈsteɪtˌwaɪd// (adjective): covering or affecting an entire U.S. state
6. **revenue** //ˈrɛvəˌnuː// (noun): money a business or government receives



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## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What is the main reason for launching Eloisa's Kitchen Food Truck?  
Option: To support their daughter  
Option: To compete with other food trucks  
Option: To make a profit  
Option: To open a restaurant
2. What is the name of the new law that aims to help food truck operators in Texas?  
Option: House Bill 2844  
Option: Food Truck Act  
Option: Dallas Food Law  
Option: State Health Services Bill
3. Where is Eloisa's Kitchen Food Truck based?  
Option: Austin  
Option: Houston  
Option: Dallas  
Option: Amarillo
4. What is the projected range of licensing fees for food trucks under the new law?  
Option: \$150 to \$500  
Option: \$300 to \$1,350  
Option: \$800 to \$900  
Option: \$1,000 to \$2,000
5. Why do some cities oppose the new law regarding food trucks?  
Option: It increases their revenue  
Option: It helps food truck operators  
Option: It diminishes local control  
Option: It lowers permit fees
6. What is a significant issue faced by Eloisa's Kitchen Food Truck according to the text?  
Option: Lack of customers



- Option: Excessive government regulations
- Option: Insufficient staff
- Option: High food costs

**True-False**

- 7. Eloisa Schessler and her husband operate the food truck alone.
- 8. House Bill 2844 is intended to increase the number of permits required for food trucks.
- 9. The City of Amarillo charges less for food truck permits than the City of Dallas.
- 10. The regulations currently require food trucks to pay separate fees for each city's permits.
- 11. DSHS is responsible for categorizing food trucks based on food preparation methods.
- 12. Food truck operators anticipate more regulatory challenges with the new bill.

**Gap-Fill**

- 13. Eloisa's Kitchen Food Truck was launched to support their daughter who had experienced a significant head injury, and she serves as \_\_\_\_\_ chef.
- 14. House Bill 2844 aims to reduce the financial burdens on food truck \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. Some local officials worry about losing revenue from permit \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16. The legislation requires the DSHS to establish a statewide operating \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17. Eloisa Schessler expressed frustration over the financial \_\_\_\_\_ incurred during the permit process.
- 18. Under the new law, it is projected that the state will issue licenses to approximately \_\_\_\_\_ food trucks.



## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. To support their daughter 2. House Bill 2844 3. Dallas 4. \$300 to \$1,350 5. It diminishes local control 6. Excessive government regulations

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. sous 14. operators 15. fees 16. permit 17. loss 18. 19,000

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What term describes the degree of variation of a trading price series over time?

- Option: Stability
- Option: Volatility
- Option: Consistency
- Option: Uniformity

2. What is the term for a decline of 10% or more in the price of a security from its most recent peak?

- Option: Adjustment
- Option: Correction
- Option: Contraction
- Option: Recession

3. What word describes an event that radically changes an industry or market?

- Option: Stability
- Option: Innovation
- Option: Disruption
- Option: Integration

4. What term is used to describe conditions that lead to a general increase in prices?

- Option: Deflationary
- Option: Inflationary
- Option: Stagnant
- Option: Static

5. What is the term for critical observation or examination?



- Option: Surveillance
- Option: Scrutiny
- Option: Neglect
- Option: Disregard

6. What term refers to the income generated from normal business operations?

- Option: Expenses
- Option: Profits
- Option: Losses
- Option: Revenue

7. What term refers to a loan used to purchase real estate, secured by the property itself?

- Option: Lease
- Option: Mortgage
- Option: Bond
- Option: Equity

8. What term refers to the goods and materials that a business holds for the purpose of resale?

- Option: Inventory
- Option: Assets
- Option: Liabilities
- Option: Resources

9. What term describes the extent to which something is affordable to consumers?

- Option: Accessibility
- Option: Affordability
- Option: Costliness
- Option: Exclusivity

10. What is the term for taxes imposed by a government on imported goods?

- Option: Subsidies
- Option: Duties
- Option: Tariffs
- Option: Fees

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The crisis was \_\_\_\_\_ by the lack of timely government intervention.

12. New \_\_\_\_\_ was introduced to improve environmental protection.



13. The terms of the agreement were \_\_\_\_\_ between both parties.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the conflict led to a humanitarian crisis.
15. Demand for housing \_\_\_\_\_ in the last quarter, leading to higher prices.
16. The sudden news left the market feeling \_\_\_\_\_ and uncertain.
17. The team is focused on \_\_\_\_\_ the risks associated with investing.
18. The company's growth gained \_\_\_\_\_ after launching its new product line.
19. Regulations can vary significantly across different \_\_\_\_\_.
20. The initiative aims to address issues on a \_\_\_\_\_ level to ensure uniformity.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The stock market experienced significant volatility this year due to unforeseen events.
22. Housing affordability remains a major concern for many families in urban areas.
23. The new legislation aims to improve healthcare access for all citizens.
24. The company reported a substantial increase in revenue over the last quarter.
25. Corporate practices are often under intense scrutiny from regulatory agencies.
26. Maintaining a proper inventory is crucial for effective supply chain management.
27. Many families rely on mortgage loans to purchase their homes.
28. Technological disruption has transformed many traditional industries.
29. Rising inflation can lead to increased costs of living for consumers.
30. The government imposed tariffs on imported goods to protect local businesses.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Volatility 2. Correction 3. Disruption 4. Inflationary 5. Scrutiny 6. Revenue 7. Mortgage 8. Inventory



9. Affordability 10. Tariffs

**Gap-Fill:** 11. exacerbated 12. legislation 13. negotiated 14. intensification 15. surged 16. unsettled  
17. mitigating 18. momentum 19. jurisdictions 20. statewide

**Matching sentence:** 1. volatility 2. affordability 3. legislation 4. revenue 5. scrutiny 6. inventory 7. mortgage  
8. disruption 9. inflation 10. tariffs

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