

**HB 3342 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires hospitals, in-patient acute psychiatric care facilities, long-term care facilities, residential care facilities, and the Department of Corrections to make plant-based meals an available choice any time a meal is served. Defines "plant-based meal" as entire meal containing no animal products or by-products including meat, poultry, fish, dairy, or eggs.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

[-2 amendment, dated 04.02.19] Narrows scope. Removes residential care facilities. Specifies that choice must be available to accommodate allergies, preferences, religious or cultural needs, or upon request of patient or resident in hospital, acute psychiatric, and long-term care facilities.

**BACKGROUND:**

There are many different types of plant-based diets. One of the most common is vegan, which typically excludes all animal products such as meat, eggs, and dairy.