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UNLICENSED FOOD BUSINESSES FACE POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION

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DELAWARE, Oh., March 25, 2010 – The Delaware General Health District is referring seven businesses to the Delaware County Prosecutor’s Office for possible legal action for operating without valid food licenses.

The businesses failed to renew their retail food licenses by the annual due date of March 1, and owe license and/or late fees. Ohio law requires retail food sellers to have a valid license from their local health department. Licensed food operations are subject to inspections designed to assure food safety and cleanliness for consumers and to prevent foodborne illnesses.

The businesses are the Backstretch, Delaware Golf Club Inc., and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, all located in Delaware; Holiday Inn Express on U.S. 36 at I-71; Popsters High Street Grill in Ashley; R & K’s Grill at Alum Creek State Park; and the Sunbury Grill in Sunbury.

The Health District is referring the businesses for possible court action under Ohio’s Public Health laws. Each one has received multiple notices about the required license renewals, and each one owes additional late fees. The Delaware Board of Health authorized seeking legal action on Wednesday.

Most of the more than 500 food establishments licensed by the Delaware General Health District renew their licenses on time every year without penalty. Additional information is available on the Food Protection and Public Safety page at www.delawarehealth.org.