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BOE Serves up Simpler Sales Tax Regulation for Food Trucks

Sacramento – Tired of digging in your pockets for change when it comes to buying from your favorite food truck? Well, the next time you step up for that bacon-encrusted, grilled-cheese sandwich, you might not have to thanks to a newly amended regulation from the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

“We want to help California businesses be successful,” said Board of Equalization Member George Runner. “Our new regulation will make life a bit simpler for California’s fast-growing mobile food industry and more convenient for their customers, too.”



Board Member George Runner (right) and Andrew Blaskovich (left) of Drewski's Hot Rod Kitchen.

BOE Members and staff were out amongst the sights and smells today at two food truck events speaking to owners about a newly amended regulation that helps operators speed up the point-of-sale process with customers, saving them time in line.

There is a lot of amazing foods being served out of food trucks today. The last thing food truck owners and customers want to be focused on is taxes.

“This new regulation will allow us to speed up the process and in turn make more money for our businesses and the state while freeing up more time for our consumers,” said Andrew Blaskovich, owner of Drewski’s Hot Rod Kitchen.

Adopted unanimously by the Board at its March 25, 2014 meeting, the newly amended regulation saves food truck operators the hassle of charging their customers a different sales tax rate as they drive from city to city. Starting July 1, 2014, the newly amended regulation will presume sales tax is included in the price of taxable items if the retailer hasn’t added it separately.

The Board approved this amendment with the hope of simplifying the business practices of owners in the ever-expanding food truck segment, while simplifying the sales process for the public.

Mobile food venders who want to learn more about doing business in the state of California can check out our [Mobile Food Vendors Tax Guide](#), which is available in multiple [languages](#), and our [Guide for Caterers](#). They can also view the [Special Notice](#) on the amended sales tax regulation. Food truck operators also have



access to our [online tax rate lookup tool](#) that allows them to enter the addresses of where they did that day's business and find the applicable sales tax rates.

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

This was a BOE-sponsored activity that was open to the public and conducted pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

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