



PREDICTABILITY FOR TODAY. PROGRESS FOR TOMORROW.

Foodservice Wins from the 2025 Texas Legislative Session



The Texas Legislature meets in a regular session every-other year for just 140 days to pass new laws. Since our industry has endured five years of economic uncertainty, the TRA focused our bipartisan efforts this session on creating immediate wins that bring every foodservice business greater predictability. We also created meaningful opportunities for long-term improvements that will make our industry more resilient.

Thanks to the engagement of restaurants and our partners across the state, the TRA delivered another incredibly successful legislative session for every foodservice business in Texas.



2025 #TXLEGE WINS BY THE NUMBERS

THE TRA PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE:

- Blocking **55 bills** that would have harmed foodservice businesses
- Passing **18 priority bills** to strengthen restaurants and their workforce
- Rewriting **8 bills** to protect the foodservice industry

THE TRA ALSO ELEVATED INDUSTRY VOICES:

- Testifying at the Texas Capitol **over 25 times**
- Sending **over 3,200 emails** to Gov. Abbott and lawmakers



WHAT DO THESE WINS MEAN FOR YOUR BUSINESS TODAY?

BECAUSE WE BLOCKED AND REWROTE HARMFUL BILLS:

- A new labeling requirement for additives, dyes, and other ingredients does NOT apply to restaurant food (including to-go and catering orders).
- Restaurants do NOT have to abandon the tip credit or change the way they pay out tips.
- Local governments may NOT create a patchwork of different minimum wage and employee benefit mandates.
- Restaurants do NOT have to update their menus and marketing materials so listed prices include all fees and taxes. They also do NOT need to update menus every time food products come from out of state.

BECAUSE WE PASSED TRA PRIORITY BILLS:

- Restaurants, food trucks, and other foodservice businesses will need fewer permits to operate across the state.
- Restaurants and other businesses will save money on their property taxes.
- Foodservice businesses will have greater clarity and predictability around local health inspection rules.
- Restaurants will not need to obtain a sound permit to play background music on their patios or accept overnight deliveries.
- All businesses will have a free, online resource hub to help their employees access childcare supports.
- Developers will have new tools to build housing for middle income Texans who want to live and work near restaurant hubs.



WHAT CAN WE ACCOMPLISH NEXT?

We have big plans to strengthen the entire foodservice industry with advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels. Big change requires sustained, loud voices speaking as one, which is why we are leading bipartisan, cross-industry coalitions to tackle:

- Credit card swipe fee relief
- Expanded childcare access, especially for non-traditional hours
- Abusive lawsuit practices that are making affordable insurance policies scarce
- Disaster relief funding for more foodservice businesses

JOIN OUR EFFORTS TO DELIVER IMMEDIATE RELIEF AND LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY FOODSERVICE BUSINESS IN TEXAS.

1 Join or renew your TRA membership.



2 Invest in our advocacy work.



3 Recruit a friend by sharing these wins.