

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

INTRODUCED BY JOHNSON, HARRINGTON, HIRSCH, ANDERSON, MARKS,
McBRIDE, COONEY, JOHNSTON, CONOVER, IVERSON, HAYNE

IN THE HOUSE

January 18, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation.
January 27, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 29, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
January 30, 1979	Second reading, pass consideration.
January 31, 1979	On motion, passed until the 28th Legislative Day.
February 3, 1979	Second reading, do pass as amended.
February 5, 1979	Correctly engrossed.
February 6, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 7, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation.
March 6, 1979	On motion taken from Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation and placed on second reading. Motion adopted.
March 8, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.

March 8, 1979

Amendments adopted in Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation deemed part of bill.

March 10, 1979

Third reading, concurred in as amended.

IN THE HOUSE

March 12, 1979

Returned from second house with amendments.

March 14, 1979

Second reading, amendments adopted.

March 15, 1979

Third reading, amendments adopted. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

1 *House* BILL NO. *251*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Johnson, Haynes, Hirsch, Anderson, MeBride, Conroy, Johnson, Conover, & Hanson, Payne*

3 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE SUPPLIERS OF
 4 FRESH MEAT TO LABEL FOREIGN MEAT AND TO RAISE THE PENALTY
 5 FOR FAILURE TO PROPERLY LABEL FOREIGN MEAT OR PROVIDE
 6 REQUIRED INFORMATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 50-35-103 AND
 7 50-35-104, MCA."
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 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 50-35-103, MCA, is amended to read:
 12 "50-35-103. Labeling requirement for foreign meat. On
 13 meat produced outside the United States of America, the
 14 store or supplier of fresh meat shall place the words
 15 "FOREIGN MEAT" or "MEAT FROM (country of origin)" in
 16 prominent letters upon the package in which such meat is
 17 sold to the consumer or store. If the country of origin of
 18 foreign meat is unknown, the words "COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
 19 UNKNOWN" shall be placed upon the package in like manner."

20 Section 2. Section 50-35-104, MCA, is amended to read:
 21 "50-35-104. Penalty ~~-- enforcement.~~ (1) A person in
 22 charge of a grocery store or similar establishment or a
 23 supplier of fresh meat who fails to comply with the
 24 provisions of this chapter by willfully failing to label
 25 foreign meat or provide information under the provisions of

1 this chapter commits a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall
 2 be fined not less than ~~\$100~~ *\$500* or more than ~~\$250~~ *\$1000*.
 3 (2) The department of health and environmental
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Approved by Committee
on Agriculture Livestock
& Irrigation

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this chapter commits a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall
be fined not less than ~~\$100 \$200~~ \$100 or more than \$250
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prominent letters upon the package in which such meat is
sold to the consumer or store. If the country of origin of
foreign meat is unknown, the words "COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
UNKNOWN" shall be placed upon the package in like manner."

Section 2. Section 50-35-104, MCA, is amended to read:
"50-35-104. Penalty ~~enforcement~~. ~~if~~ A person in
charge of a grocery store or similar establishment or a
supplier of fresh meat who fails to comply with the
provisions of this chapter by willfully failing to label

foreign meat or provide information under the provisions of
this chapter commits a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall
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REQUIRED INFORMATION; ~~AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS
TO THE LEGISLATURE;~~ AMENDING SECTIONS 50-35-103 AND
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foreign meat is unknown, the words "COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
UNKNOWN" shall be placed upon the package in like manner."

Section 2. Section 50-35-104, MCA, is amended to read:
"50-35-104. Penalty ~~---enforcement. f~~ A person in
charge of a grocery store or similar establishment or a

supplier of fresh meat who KNOWINGLY fails to comply with
the provisions of this chapter by willfully failing to label
foreign meat or provide information under the provisions of
this chapter commits a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall
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~~sciences~~ ~~shall~~ ~~enforce~~ ~~the~~ ~~provisions~~ ~~of~~ ~~this~~ ~~act~~ ~~---~~"

SECTION 3. THERE IS A NEW MCA SECTION THAT READS:

Biennial report. The department of health and
environmental sciences shall report to the legislature on
all efforts taken to enforce compliance with the provisions
of [this act] at the beginning of each regular legislative
session.

-End-

March 7, 1979

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Agriculture, Livestock & Irrigation)

That House Bill No. 251 be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 8.

Following: ";"

Insert: "AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE;"

2. Page 1, line 24.

Following: "who"

Insert: "knowingly"

3. Page 2.

Following: line 4

Insert: "Section 3. THERE IS A NEW MCA SECTION THAT READS:
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March 8, 1979

SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Insert: "Section 3. THERE IS A NEW MCA SECTION THAT READS:
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March 6, 1979

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