

CHAPTER NO. 75

SENATE BILL NO. 82

INTRODUCED BY REGAN, HAGER

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

IN THE SENATE

January 10, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
January 30, 1979	In the Senate Statement of Intent adopted.  Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
January 31, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 1, 1979	Second Reading, do pass.
February 2, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 3, 1979	Third Reading, passed. Transmitted to Second House.

IN THE HOUSE

February 5, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
February 28, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 1, 1979	Second Reading, concurred in.
March 2, 1979	Third Reading, concurred in.

IN THE SENATE

March 3, 1979

Returned from Second House.  
Concurred in.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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*SB 82*  
INTRODUCED BILL

STATEMENT OF INTENT RE: Senate Bill 82

Paragraph 1. A statement of intent is required for this bill in that it delegates authority to adopt rules in Section 1.

Paragraph 2. Senate Bill 82 is enacted into law in order to provide for the voluntary use of metric sizes in packaging.

It is particularly directed at Title 30, chapter 12, part 4, and the following or similar commodities: bread, butter, oleo margarine, and margarine, fluid dairy products, flour, corn meal, and hominy grits, as well as furnace and stove oil, and berries and small fruits. The purpose of providing rule making authority for the department in allowing for metric sizes is to provide for voluntary use of metric sizes; that is, the rule making process will provide the greatest opportunity for industry and consumer input. If metric sizes were defined by statute as under the current law for other sizes, it is possible that either the industry or the consumer may be forced into a position of accepting sizes which are not compatible with their needs. Furthermore, Congress, while attempting to effect the conversion of the United States to the metric system, may, either by statute or rule, define those packaging requirements for the commodities which this bill deals with. In such an instance, rather than returning to the legislature and requesting amendment to the statute, a more efficient and expeditious method of change is provided for. Thus, bread, fluid dairy products, or the other commodities mentioned may be packaged and sold either in the sizes currently provided for in the statutes or in the sizes which will be defined by department rule with the assistance of the industries and consumers involved.

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