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BILL TOPIC: "Beef Country Of Origin Recognition System"
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A RETAILER INDICATE THE
102 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF BEEF SOLD TO THE PUBLIC.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill amends the "Colorado Food and Drug Act" to require a retailer to indicate the country of origin for beef sold to the public. The bill only applies to retailers who sell beef that has not been manufactured, cured, smoked, cooked, or processed.

The bill authorizes the department of public health and environment to promulgate rules to implement the bill.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-5-419.5 as
3 follows:

4 **25-5-419.5. Display of beef products - rules - definitions.**

5 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

6 (a) "BEEF" MEANS ANY MEAT FROM CATTLE, INCLUDING VEAL.

7 (b) "MEAT" MEANS THE EDIBLE PART OF THE MUSCLE OF AN
8 ANIMAL THAT IS SKELETAL OR THAT IS FOUND IN THE TONGUE, IN THE
9 DIAPHRAGM, IN THE HEART, OR IN THE ESOPHAGUS, WITH OR WITHOUT THE
10 ACCOMPANYING OR OVERLYING FAT, AND THE PORTIONS OF THE BONE,
11 SKIN, SINEW, NERVE, AND BLOOD VESSELS THAT NORMALLY ACCOMPANY
12 THE MUSCLE TISSUE AND THAT ARE NOT SEPARATED FROM IT IN THE
13 PROCESS OF DRESSING. "MEAT" INCLUDES THE EDIBLE PART OF THE
14 MUSCLE THAT HAS BEEN CHOPPED OR GROUND. "MEAT" DOES NOT
15 INCLUDE THE MUSCLE FOUND IN THE LIPS, SNOUT, OR EARS NOR ANY
16 EDIBLE PART OF THE MUSCLE THAT HAS BEEN MANUFACTURED, CURED,
17 SMOKED, COOKED, OR PROCESSED.

18 (c) "RETAILER" MEANS A PERSON REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE
19 BUSINESS OF SELLING MEAT AT RETAIL TO THE PUBLIC AND SELLING ONLY
20 TO THE USER OR CONSUMER AND NOT FOR RESALE.

21 (2) A RETAILER WHO SELLS BEEF OR OFFERS BEEF FOR SALE SHALL
22 USE A CONSPICUOUS PLACARD THAT IS CLEARLY VISIBLE AND READILY
23 VIEWABLE BY THE PUBLIC AND PLACED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE
24 BEEF TO DESIGNATE AND DISPLAY THE BEEF AS:

25 (a) "U.S.A. BEEF" IF THE BEEF IS DERIVED EXCLUSIVELY FROM
26 ANIMALS:

1 (I) BORN, RAISED, AND SLAUGHTERED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE
2 UNITED STATES; OR

3 (II) BORN AND RAISED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES AND
4 TRANSPORTED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS THROUGH
5 ANY OTHER COUNTRY AND SLAUGHTERED IN THE UNITED STATES; OR

6 (b) "IMPORTED" IF THE BEEF DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA
7 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION. THE PLACARD FOR
8 IMPORTED BEEF MUST INDICATE EACH COUNTRY IN WHICH THE ANIMAL
9 WAS BORN, RAISED, AND SLAUGHTERED.

10 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY TO
11 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-5-420, **amend** (8)
13 as follows:

14 **25-5-420. Enforcement - rules.** (8) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
15 SECTION 25-5-419.5, all regulations establishing standards of identity and
16 composition for meat and meat food products and their amendments
17 adopted under the federal "Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907", as
18 amended (21 U.S.C. secs. 71-91), are the established standards of identity
19 and composition for meat and meat food products in this state. However,
20 the department may, if it finds it necessary in the interest of consumers,
21 adopt additional ~~regulations~~ RULES establishing standards of identity and
22 composition for meat and meat food products ~~which~~ THAT are no less
23 stringent than regulations promulgated under the federal "Meat Inspection
24 Act".

25 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
2 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
3 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
4 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
5 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
6 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.