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HOUSE BILL 17-1234

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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 requires a retailer to indicate the country of origin for beef sold to the public.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

3 **25-5-419.5. Display of beef products - rules - definitions.**

4 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

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

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

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

18 (2) A RETAILER WHO SELLS BEEF OR OFFERS BEEF FOR SALE SHALL
19 USE A CONSPICUOUS PLACARD THAT IS READILY VIEWABLE BY THE PUBLIC
20 AND PLACED WHERE THE BEEF IS LOCATED TO DESIGNATE AND DISPLAY
21 THE BEEF AS:

22 (a) "U.S.A. BEEF" IF THE BEEF IS EXCLUSIVELY FROM ANIMALS
23 BORN, RAISED, AND SLAUGHTERED IN THE UNITED STATES OR BORN AND
24 RAISED IN ALASKA OR HAWAII AND TRANSPORTED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT
25 MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS THROUGH CANADA TO THE UNITED STATES AND
26 SLAUGHTERED IN THE UNITED STATES; OR

27 (b) "IMPORTED" IF THE BEEF IS FROM ANY ANIMAL BORN, RAISED,

1 OR SLAUGHTERED IN ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY. THE PLACARD FOR
2 IMPORTED BEEF MUST INDICATE EACH COUNTRY.

3 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES NECESSARY TO CARRY
4 OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

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

7 **25-5-420. Enforcement.** (8) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
8 25-5-419.5, all regulations establishing standards of identity and
9 composition for meat and meat food products and their amendments
10 adopted under the federal "Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907", as
11 amended (21 U.S.C. secs. 71-91), are the established standards of identity
12 and composition for meat and meat food products in this state. However,
13 the department may, if it finds it necessary in the interest of consumers,
14 adopt additional regulations establishing standards of identity and
15 composition for meat and meat food products ~~which~~ THAT are no less
16 stringent than regulations promulgated under the federal "Meat Inspection
17 Act".

18 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
21 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
22 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
23 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
24 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
25 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.