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H. R. 2480

To provide for the approval of a petition pending at the Food and Drug Administration to allow the use of low-dose irradiation to pasteurize red meat, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 1997

Mr. GANSKE (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HASTERT, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MANTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. WELDON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hamburger Safety Act
5 of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF IRRADIATION.**

2 Chapter IV (21 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by
3 inserting after section 403B the following:

4 “DISCLOSURE

5 “SEC. 403C. (a) No provision of section 201(n),
6 403(a), or 409 shall be construed to require on the label
7 or labeling of a food a separate radiation disclosure state-
8 ment that is more prominent than the declaration of ingre-
9 dients required by section 403(i)(2).

10 “(b) In this section, the term ‘radiation disclosure
11 statement’ means a written statement that discloses that
12 a food or a component of the food has been intentionally
13 subject to radiation.”.

14 **SEC. 3. FDA ACTION ON PETITION.**

15 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall,
16 not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act, approve the petition of the Isomedix Corpora-
18 tion submitted June 30, 1994 under section 409(b)(1) of
19 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

20 **SEC. 4. LOW-DOSE IRRADIATION INFORMATION.**

21 Chapter IV of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is
22 amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “LOW-DOSE IRRADIATION INFORMATION

24 “SEC. 414. A commercial establishment serving pre-
25 pared meat and poultry shall make available information
26 to patrons about whether the meat and poultry being

1 served has been treated with low-dose radiation. The infor-
2 mation shall be provided in a manner that the establish-
3 ment deems appropriate to provide such information to
4 patrons.”.

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