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To amend the meat and poultry inspection laws to extend the mandatory nutrition information labeling requirements of the laws to single-ingredient, raw meat and poultry products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. LEE, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. KUCINICH, and Mr. FOLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Fresh Meat and Poul-
5 try Consumer Awareness Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF MANDATORY NUTRITION INFORMA-**
2 **TION LABELING REQUIREMENTS TO SINGLE-**
3 **INGREDIENT, RAW MEAT AND POULTRY**
4 **PRODUCTS.**

5 (a) INCLUSION OF NUTRITION INFORMATION AS
6 MEAT LABELING REQUIREMENT.—Section 1(n) of the
7 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601(n)) is
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
10 (11);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
12 graph (12) and inserting “; or”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(13) if it fails to bear a label or include label-
16 ing supplying such nutrition information as the Sec-
17 retary may by regulations prescribe.”.

18 (b) INCLUSION OF NUTRITION INFORMATION AS
19 POULTRY LABELING REQUIREMENT.—Section 1(h) of the
20 Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 453(h)) is
21 amended—

22 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
23 (11);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
25 graph (12) and inserting “; or”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following para-
2 graph:

3 “(13) if it fails to bear a label or include label-
4 ing supplying such nutrition information as the Sec-
5 retary may by regulations prescribe.”.

6 (c) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—

7 (1) TIME FOR ISSUANCE; CONTENT.—Not later
8 than one year after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue final
10 regulations to require nutrition information labeling
11 for single-ingredient, raw meat and poultry products
12 that are sold at retail to consumers. To the extent
13 possible, the regulations for single-ingredient, raw
14 meat and poultry products shall be identical to the
15 current mandatory labeling regulations applicable to
16 processed meat and poultry unless the Secretary de-
17 termines that a difference in the nutrition informa-
18 tion labeling for single-ingredient, raw meat and
19 poultry products will better promote consumer
20 awareness.

21 (2) FAILURE TO TIMELY ISSUE.—If the Sec-
22 retary does not issue the final regulations required
23 by paragraph (1) within the time period specified in
24 that paragraph, the current mandatory labeling reg-
25 ulations applicable to processed meat and poultry

1 shall be deemed to cover single-ingredient, raw meat
2 and poultry products until such time as the Sec-
3 retary finally issues the regulations required by
4 paragraph (1).

5 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

6 (A) The term “current mandatory labeling
7 regulations” means the regulations set forth in
8 sections 317.300 through 317.400 and 318.400
9 through 318.500 of title 9, Code of Federal
10 Regulations, applicable to processed meat and
11 poultry.

12 (B) The term “single-ingredient, raw meat
13 and poultry products” means the major cuts of
14 meat and poultry identified in section 317.344
15 or 318.444 of title 9, Code of Federal Regula-
16 tions.

17 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENTS.—The
18 amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) take effect
19 upon the expiration of the one-year period beginning on
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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