

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1356

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2001

Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Food Ingredient Right  
5       to Know Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) Millions of Americans follow certain dietary  
2           guidelines for health, religious, and cultural reasons.  
3           These individuals depend on ingredient labels for the  
4           information they need to abide by these guidelines.

5           (2) Under current regulations, food manufac-  
6           turers are not required to identify the products used  
7           in natural or artificial flavorings, colorings, or  
8           spices, or some food additives.

9           (3) These additives often contain derivatives of  
10          meat, poultry, other animal products such as insects,  
11          and allergens (such as peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shell-  
12          fish, eggs, milk, soy, and wheat).

13 **SEC. 3. FOOD LABELING; REQUIREMENT OF STATEMENT**  
14 **REGARDING SPICES, FLAVORING, AND**  
15 **COLORING DERIVED FROM MEAT, POULTRY,**  
16 **OR KNOWN ALLERGENS.**

17          Section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
18 Act (21 U.S.C. 343) is amended—

19           (1) in paragraph (g), by inserting “, subject to  
20           paragraph (t)” before the period at the end;

21           (2) in paragraph (i), by inserting “, subject to  
22           paragraph (t)” before the first period; and

23           (3) by adding at the end the following para-  
24           graph:

1       “(t) If it contains any spice, flavoring, or coloring de-  
2 rived from meat, poultry, any other animal product (in-  
3 cluding insects), or a known food allergen unless its label-  
4 ing bears a statement with appropriate prominence on the  
5 information panel providing that fact and the name of the  
6 meat, poultry, other animal product, or known food aller-  
7 gen, respectively.”.

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