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To prohibit the sale of food that is, or contains, unsafe poppy seeds.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2019

Mr. WOMACK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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poppy seeds.

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 “Stephen Hacala Poppy
5 Seed Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Stephen Hacala was a 25-year-old from
9 Fayetteville, Arkansas, who was dearly loved by fam-
10 ily and friends when he died from morphine intoxica-

1 tion caused by consumption of contaminated poppy
2 seeds.

3 (2) More than a dozen people in the United
4 States have been confirmed to have died from mor-
5 phine overdoses from contaminated poppy seeds.

6 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-
7 hibit the distribution and sale of contaminated poppy
8 seeds in order to prevent harm, addiction, and further
9 deaths from morphine-laced poppy seeds.

10 **SEC. 3. UNSAFE POPPY SEEDS AS ADULTERANTS IN FOOD.**

11 Section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
12 Act (21 U.S.C. 331) is amended by adding at the end the
13 following:

14 “(fff) Selling, or offering to sell, directly to con-
15 sumers a food that is or contains poppy seeds, including
16 concentrates, metabolites, constituents, or extracts of
17 poppy seeds, that contain levels of morphine, codeine, or
18 other alkaloid compounds that may render the food inju-
19 rious to health.”.

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