

By Representative Bloom

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to food product dating;  
 3           requiring food products to display shelf-life  
 4           expiration dates; providing exceptions;  
 5           providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9           Section 1. Any retail food product sold in a container  
 10 in the state must display a conspicuous "BEST IF USED BY" or  
 11 "SELL BY" date that indicates the month, day, and year of the  
 12 expiration of the shelf-life of the product. This section does  
 13 not apply to fresh fruits and vegetables or items that sell  
 14 for less than 25 cents apiece. The dating may be done by the  
 15 seller, wholesaler, vendor, or retailer.

16           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

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19                                   LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

20           Requires that packaged retail food products conspicuously  
21           display a shelf-life expiration date.

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