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

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

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

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

SENATE SUMMARY

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