

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to beef labeling; amending s. 877.06,
 3 F.S.; requiring beef containing certain beef trimmings
 4 to be labeled in a specified way; providing criminal
 5 penalties; 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. Section 877.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 10 read:

11 877.06 Labeling of beef containing low-grade beef
 12 trimmings or not slaughtered according to state or United States
 13 standards; enforcement; penalty.—

14 (1) Every person, firm, or corporation operating a
 15 restaurant or any other eating place, or retail or wholesale
 16 market or packinghouse, in this state, and who sells beef that
 17 contains lean finely textured beef, as that term is used by the
 18 United States Department of Agriculture, or low-grade beef
 19 trimmings or that has not been slaughtered and inspected
 20 according to standards established by either the Government of
 21 Florida or of the United States, shall mark, stamp, or describe
 22 the same by the following words:~~7~~ "Product contains pink slime"
 23 or "slaughtered in" followed by the name of the state or country
 24 and the words "has not been slaughtered and inspected according
 25 to federal or state standards,~~7~~" respectively.

26 (2) (a) Packinghouses and wholesale and retail meat markets
 27 before sale of beef which is within the purview of subsection
 28 (1) shall plainly stamp on each carcass, each carton, each can,

29 | and each container, the words prescribed in subsection (1) and
 30 | all advertising as to the sale of such beef shall include such
 31 | words; provided, however, that a conspicuous sign containing the
 32 | words prescribed in subsection (1) visibly displayed near the
 33 | display of such beef in retail markets may be used when the
 34 | stamping of individual cuts of beef is impractical.

35 | (b) ~~It shall be the duty of~~ The Department of Agriculture
 36 | and Consumer Services, through its agents or inspectors, shall
 37 | ~~to enforce the provisions of~~ this subsection.

38 | (3) (a) Restaurants or other eating places advertising
 39 | their meals or food, by menus or otherwise, shall set out
 40 | plainly in such menus, advertisements or otherwise as to beef
 41 | coming within the purview of the law the words prescribed in
 42 | subsection (1).

43 | (b) ~~It shall be the duty of~~ The Division of Hotels and
 44 | Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional
 45 | Regulation, through its agents or inspectors, shall ~~to enforce~~
 46 | ~~the provisions of~~ this subsection.

47 | (4) Any person willfully and knowingly violating any of
 48 | the provisions of this section or any person who fails to comply
 49 | with any of the requirements hereof commits ~~shall be guilty of~~ a
 50 | misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
 51 | 775.082 or s. 775.083, and each day during which such a
 52 | violation shall continue, shall be deemed a separate violation
 53 | and a separate offense.

54 | (5) This section does not ~~Nothing herein shall be~~
 55 | ~~construed to~~ prohibit the use of additional words in describing
 56 | the grade, quality, or kind of such beef.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.