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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the labeling of beef; amending s.
 3 877.06, F.S.; requiring persons or entities operating
 4 restaurants, eating places, markets, or packinghouses
 5 to mark beef containing "pink slime" with certain
 6 words; authorizing enforcement by the Department of
 7 Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department
 8 of Business and Professional Regulation; making
 9 technical and grammatical changes; providing criminal
 10 penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 877.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 15 read:

16 877.06 Labeling of beef not slaughtered according to state
 17 or United States standards; beef containing "pink slime";
 18 enforcement; penalty.—

19 (1) Every person, firm, or corporation operating a
 20 restaurant, ~~or any other~~ eating place, or retail or wholesale
 21 market or packinghouse, ~~in this state which, and who~~ sells beef
 22 shall mark, stamp, or describe the beef if:

23 (a) The beef ~~that~~ has not been slaughtered and inspected
 24 according to standards established by ~~either~~ the Government of
 25 Florida or of the United States; or

26 (b) The beef contains low-grade beef trimmings or lean,
 27 finely textured beef also known as "pink slime.", ~~shall mark,~~
 28 ~~stamp, or describe the same by the following words, "slaughtered~~
 29 ~~in" followed by the name of the state or country and the words~~

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30 ~~"has not been slaughtered and inspected according to federal or~~
31 ~~state standards."~~

32 (2) (a) Packinghouses and wholesale and retail meat markets
33 before sale of beef which is within the purview of subsection
34 (1) shall plainly stamp on each carcass, ~~each~~ carton, ~~each~~ can,
35 and ~~each~~ container the words "slaughtered in" followed by the
36 name of the state or country and the words "has not been
37 slaughtered and inspected according to federal or state
38 standards," or the words "product contains pink slime," as
39 applicable. All, the words prescribed in subsection (1) and all
40 advertising as to the sale of such beef must shall include such
41 words; ~~provided, however, that~~ a conspicuous sign ~~containing the~~
42 ~~words prescribed in subsection (1)~~ visibly displaying such words
43 ~~displayed~~ near the display of the ~~such~~ beef in retail markets
44 may be used if when the stamping of individual cuts of beef is
45 impractical.

46 (b) ~~It shall be the duty of~~ The Department of Agriculture
47 and Consumer Services through its agents or inspectors shall ~~to~~
48 enforce the provisions of this subsection.

49 (3) (a) Restaurants or other eating places advertising ~~their~~
50 meals or food, by menus or otherwise, shall set out plainly in
51 such menus, advertisements or otherwise as to beef coming within
52 the purview of subsection (1), the law the words "slaughtered
53 in" followed by the name of the state or country and the words
54 "has not been slaughtered and inspected according to federal or
55 state standards," or the words "product contains pink slime," as
56 applicable ~~prescribed in subsection (1).~~

57 (b) ~~It shall be the duty of~~ The Division of Hotels and
58 Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional

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59 Regulation through its agents or inspectors shall ~~to~~ enforce the
60 provisions of this subsection.

61 (4) A Any person who willfully and knowingly violates
62 ~~violating~~ any provision ~~of the provisions~~ of this section or ~~any~~
63 ~~person~~ who fails to comply with any requirement of this section
64 commits ~~the requirements hereof shall be guilty of~~ a misdemeanor
65 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
66 775.083, and each day during which such a violation continues
67 ~~shall continue~~, shall be deemed a separate violation and a
68 separate offense.

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

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.