HR 3885

Seafood Safety and Mercury Screening Act of 2002

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Agriculture and Food
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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 26, 2002)
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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 6, 2002)

Seafood Safety and Mercury Screening Act of 2002 - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to: (1) provide that seafood containing an unsafe quantity of methyl mercury shall be deemed to be adulterated; (2) require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a tolerance for methyl mercury in seafood based on a scientific analysis of the health risks attributable to such substance; and (3) deem unsafe any seafood containing methyl mercury over the tolerance limits.

Requires the Secretary to ensure that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to pregnant women, infants, and children from aggregate exposure to methyl mercury.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish a sampling system to determine the extent of tolerance compliance; (2) design and implement a related public education program; (3) develop national and regional methyl mercury advisories; and (4) consider certain findings of the National Academy of Sciences regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended level for methyl mercury.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 26, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 6, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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