

HR 2773

Food Choking Prevention Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 23, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 17, 2003)

Food Choking Prevention Act of 2003 - Directs the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish an Office of Choking Hazard Evaluation to require warning labels on food primarily consumed by children that pose a demonstrably high choking risk.

Authorizes the Office to require informational labels on food consumed by children that pose a demonstrably high choking risk.

Grants the Office mandatory recall authority over food determined to pose a significant and unacceptable choking hazard to the general public.

Requires the Office to: (1) provide educational materials on food choking hazards, precautions, and life-saving procedures for pediatricians and hospitals to distribute to patients aged 14 and younger; and (2) designate one week a year as "National Child Food Choking Prevention Week" and widely publicize choking hazards and life-saving procedures during that week.

Mandates establishment of a Choking Hazard Evaluation Task Force to staff establish criteria to determine whether a food poses a significant and unacceptable choking hazard.

Directs the FDA to: (1) ensure the operation of a national database of food choking incidents; and (2) provide a reporting system throughout its field offices, which the health care profession and the general public can readily access to report new incidents.

Actions Timeline

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