

HR 2916

Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act

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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2004
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 8, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2003
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 8, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA), Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) to deem a food misbranded if it contains or was produced with a genetically engineered material unless its labeling contains statements meeting specified requirements. Requires the periodic testing of such foods transferred along a chain of distribution to assure accuracy of labels, subject to specified exceptions. Excludes, in all three Acts, food: (1) served in restaurants; or (2) prepared primarily in a retail establishment, ready for human consumption, but not offered for sale for immediate consumption in the establishment. Excludes, for the FDCA, a medical food as defined in the Orphan Drug Act.

Subjects violators to civil monetary penalties, exempting recipients who accept a guarantee of the absence of genetically engineered material in good faith or producers whose food inadvertently becomes contaminated by genetically engineered material. Authorizes citizen suits as specified.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 8, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 31, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture.
- **Jul 25, 2003:** Introduced in House
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