

HR 5269

Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture . (May 25, 2006)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 2, 2006
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		May 2, 2006
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 2, 2006
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 2, 2006
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		May 2, 2006
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		May 2, 2006
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		May 2, 2006
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 19, 2006
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 19, 2006
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2006
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Sep 6, 2006
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2006
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Sep 29, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 25, 2006
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 25, 2006
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 2, 2006)

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

- **May 25, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research.
- **May 25, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture .
- **May 15, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman .
- **May 2, 2006:** Introduced in House
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- **May 2, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E687-688)
- **May 2, 2006:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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