

## HR 2426

MEAL Act

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**Chamber:** House

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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Dec 16, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1048	Related bill	<b>May 14, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### Summary (as of May 14, 2009)

Menu Education and Labeling Act or the MEAL Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require chain restaurants with 20 or more locations doing business under the same trade name to disclose: (1) in a statement adjacent to a standard menu item, the number of calories, grams of saturated plus trans fat, grams of carbohydrate, and milligrams of sodium in each such item; (2) other information designed to enable the public to understand the significance of the nutrition information provided in the context of a total daily diet; (3) that such nutrition information is available in writing at the point of ordering; and (4) the number of calories in food on a drive-through menu board, adjacent to each menu item. Exempts condiments, items placed on a table or counter for general use, daily specials, and temporary menu items.

Requires restaurants that sell self-serve food and beverages, such as through a salad bar, buffet line, or cafeteria lines, to place a sign that lists the number of calories per serving adjacent to each food item or beverage offered.

Requires vending machine operators who operate 20 or more vending machines to provide a conspicuous sign disclosing the number of calories contained in each article of food dispensed from such machines.

Permits restaurants and vending machine operators to voluntarily provide, and states to require, additional nutritional information.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 14, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.