

## HR 3553

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 Health. (Dec 9, 2011)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 2, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 9, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Dec 2, 2011)

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Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), the Federal Meat Inspection Act, and the Poultry Products Inspection Act 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 purposes of the FFDCA, 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

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- **Dec 9, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 2, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 2, 2011:** 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.