

HR 609

Safe Food Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 30, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 287	Identical bill	Jan 28, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as introduced: CR S591-600)

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2015)

Safe Food Act of 2015

This bill establishes the Food Safety Administration (FSA) as an independent agency to administer and enforce food safety laws.

The functions of specified federal agencies that relate to the administration or enforcement of food safety laws are transferred to the FSA.

The FSA is directed to:

- promulgate regulations to protect the food supply from contamination;
- implement federal food safety inspection, labeling, enforcement, and research efforts to protect the public health;
- develop consistent and science-based standards for safe food;
- prioritize federal food safety efforts and deployment of resources to achieve the greatest benefit in reducing foodborne illness;
- administer a national food safety program based on an analysis of the hazards associated with different foods and the processing of different foods;
- require that all food and feed facilities register before operation or importation of food, feed, or ingredients;
- establish an accreditation system for foreign governments seeking to certify food for importation to the United States;
- establish requirements for tracing food and animals from point of origin to retail sale;
- establish and administer a food safety technology program to foster innovations with the potential to improve food safety;
- maintain or access an active surveillance system of food and epidemiological evidence;
- establish a sampling system to monitor contaminants in food;
- rank categories of food based on their health hazard;
- establish a national public education campaign on food safety; and
- conduct research relating to food safety.

This bill includes provisions regarding prohibited acts, recall authority, penalties for violations of food safety laws, whistleblower protection, and civil actions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 30, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.