

S 1484

Food Date Labeling Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3159	Identical bill	Jun 1, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
118 HR 1840	Related bill	Mar 28, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, House Administration, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.
118 S 1016	Related bill	Mar 28, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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This bill establishes requirements for the format of quality date and discard date labels on food packaging.

Specifically, the bill requires the quality date on a food label (i.e., the date after which the quality of the item may deteriorate) to include the phrase *BEST If Used By* or the abbreviation *BB*. Similarly, the discard date on a food label (i.e., the date after which the item should not be consumed) must include the phrase *USE By* or the abbreviation *UB*. Abbreviations may only be used if the full phrase does not fit on the label.

The Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Agriculture may specify alternative phrases through regulations.

Actions Timeline

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