HR 3159

Food Date Labeling Act of 2023

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Health
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Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Sep 27, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 12, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1484	Identical bill	**May 9, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
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.

Summary (as of May 9, 2023)

Food Date Labeling Act of 2023

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

- **Jun 1, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **May 12, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2023:** 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.

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