

S 981

CURD Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 27, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]

Party: Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 17, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Oct 31, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1803	Identical bill	Apr 29, 2024: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Steil asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1803, a bill originally introduced by Representative Gallagher, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.

Codifying Useful Regulatory Definitions Act or the CURD Act

This bill establishes a statutory definition for *natural cheese*. Under the bill, natural cheese is defined as cheese (ripened or unripened soft, semi-soft, or hard) that is produced from animal milk or certain dairy ingredients and is produced in accordance with established cheese-making standards. The definition excludes pasteurized process cheeses, cheese foods, and cheese spreads.

A food is deemed misbranded and may not be sold if it does not meet this definition and its label includes the term *natural cheese* as a factual descriptor of a category of cheese.

Actions Timeline

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