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To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 416
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-7-327, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE WORDS "KEEP REFRIGERATED" ON CONTAINERS OF EGGS; TO
3 AMEND SECTION 69-7-329, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE
4 TEMPERATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR EGGS FOR MARKETING PURPOSES; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Section 69-7-327, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:[BD1]

9 69-7-327. Any container or subcontainer in which eggs are
10 marketed to consumers shall bear on the outside portion of the
11 container, but shall not be limited to, the following:

12 (a) The applicable consumer grade provided for in this
13 article.

14 (b) The applicable size or weight class provided for in
15 this article.

16 (c) The word "eggs."

17 (d) The numerical count of the contents.

18 (e) The name and address of the producer, packer or
19 distributor.

20 (f) The date the eggs were graded applied legibly to
21 the carton or on the tape used to seal the carton. Such date
22 shall be expressed as the consecutive day of the year.

23 (g) The words "keep refrigerated" or words of similar
24 meaning.

25 Words and numerals used to designate the grade and size shall
26 be in clearly legible bold-faced type at least three-eighths (3/8)
27 inch in height.

28 Any person intending to reuse a carton shall obscure any
29 inappropriate labeling thereon and relabel the carton in
30 accordance with this section prior to refilling the carton with
31 eggs.

32 SECTION 2. Section 69-7-329, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
33 amended as follows:[BD2]

34 69-7-329. Any person engaged in the marketing, business,
35 cooperative, partnership, corporation or the like, processing,
36 transporting, storing, displaying for sale or selling of
37 eggs * * * shall, in addition to maintaining all such egg handling
38 facilities in a manner commensurate with laws governing food
39 establishments, keep the eggs at an ambient temperature no greater
40 than forty-five (45) degrees Fahrenheit * * *.

41 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2000.