

By: Representative Stevens

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 1144

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-7-327, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THAT EGG CONTAINERS SHALL BEAR THE WORDS "EXPIRATION
3 DATE" FOLLOWED BY THE APPROPRIATE DATE APPLIED LEGIBLY TO THE
4 CONTAINERS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE WORDS "SELL BY" OR "USE BY" SHALL
5 NOT BE APPLIED TO THE CONTAINER; AND FOR 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:

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 (h) The words "expiration date" followed by the
26 appropriate date applied legibly to the container. The words
27 "sell by" or "use by" shall not be applied to the container.

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

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

35 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2001.