

By: Representative Stevens

To: Agriculture

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
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 "USE BY DATE"  
3 FOLLOWED BY THE APPROPRIATE DATE APPLIED LEGIBLY TO THE  
4 CONTAINERS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE WORDS "SELL BY" OR "EXPIRATION  
5 DATE" SHALL NOT BE APPLIED TO THE CONTAINER; AND FOR RELATED  
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (c) The word "eggs."

18 (d) The numerical count of the contents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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