

By: Representative Banks

To: Agriculture; Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 602

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-1-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY HOW A RETAILER IS REQUIRED TO LABEL THE COUNTRY OF
3 ORIGIN ON COVERED COMMODITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 69-1-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 69-1-305. (1) A retailer of a covered commodity shall
8 inform consumers, at the final point of sale of the covered
9 commodity to consumers, of the country of origin of the covered
10 commodity.

11 (2) (a) The information * * * shall be provided to
12 consumers by means of a label, stamp, mark, placard or other clear
13 and visible sign on the covered commodity or on the package,
14 display, holding unit or bin containing the commodity at the final
15 point of sale to consumers.

16 (b) If the covered commodity is already individually
17 labeled for retail sale regarding country of origin, the retailer



18 shall not be required to provide any additional information to
19 comply with this section.

20 (3) A supplier shall provide information to the retailer
21 indicating the country of origin of the covered commodity.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2018.

