

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2007

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 75-29-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 75-29-601. (1) As used in this article, the following terms
14 shall have the meanings ascribed in the subsections:

15 (a) "Pure Honey" means natural honey made by bees from
16 the nectar of flowers. Pure honey may contain spices and/or
17 flavoring that do not dilute it from its natural state so long as
18 the spices and/or flavorings are clearly labeled.

19 (b) "Artificial honey" means a honey product that
20 contains any coloring, any substitute or added sugar, corn syrup
21 or other sweeteners, including molasses or sugar water.
22 Artificial honey products shall be labeled in the English language
23 as "artificial honey" or "imitation honey," and the words
24 "artificial" or "imitation" shall be as prominently shown as the
25 word "honey," and a list of the ingredients in the products and a
26 percent by weight of each ingredient shall be shown on the label.

27 (2) Every container of honey or honey products sold, offered
28 or exposed for sale, by an individual, firm, organization or
29 corporation in the State of Mississippi shall have on the outside
30 of each container a paper label, permanent type stamped imprint or
31 embossed material on the container itself, plainly printed in the
32 English language truly certifying the net contents of the
33 container, the name, brand, name and address of the person or
34 processor offering such honey or honey products for sale, and a
35 true statement of the contents contained therein.

36 (* * *3) It shall be unlawful for any individual, firm,
37 organization or corporation to label and/or sell, offer for sale
38 or expose for sale at the retail level of trade any product as
39 " * * * honey" that does not meet the minimum requirements
40 established by this section and by the Mississippi Department of
41 Agriculture and Commerce. * * *

42 (* * *4) It shall be unlawful for any manufacturer or
43 distributor of honey or honey products to use a fictitious name or
44 address on the container label required herein.

45 **SECTION 2.** Section 75-29-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
46 amended as follows:

47 75-29-603. (1) The Mississippi Department of Agriculture
48 and Commerce is hereby charged with the responsibility of
49 enforcing this article, including the provisions of Section
50 75-29-601, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce or his
51 representative shall be furnished samples of honey or honey
52 products from the individual, firm, organization or corporation,

53 upon request, and shall have such products analyzed by the State
54 Chemist.

55 (2) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce is
56 authorized, in his discretion, to issue an order to stop the sale
57 or distribution of any honey or honey products found to be in
58 violation of this article, including the provisions of Section
59 75-29-601. Upon written notice by the commissioner to the
60 manufacturer or distributor of the honey or honey products sold in
61 violation of this article, including the provisions of Section
62 75-29-601, such honey or honey products shall be picked up by the
63 manufacturer or distributor of such products and the buyer of the
64 honey or honey products sold in violation of this article,
65 including the provisions of Section 75-29-601, shall be refunded
66 the purchase price by the manufacturer or distributor.

67 (3) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce of the
68 State of Mississippi is hereby authorized and empowered, in his
69 discretion, to make and promulgate rules and regulations as may be
70 necessary to carry out the provisions of this article, including
71 the provisions of Section 75-29-601.

72 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
73 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 75-29-601 AND 75-29-603, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL HONEY FOR
3 PURPOSES OF LABELING REQUIREMENTS ENFORCED BY THE MISSISSIPPI
4 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LABEL OF ANY

5 PRODUCT CONSISTING OF HONEY AND SWEETENER SHALL INCLUDE ALL
6 INGREDIENTS BY WEIGHT, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SUBSTANCES ADDED TO
7 HONEY TO ALTER THE FLAVOR SHALL BE INCLUDED ON THE LABEL AND TO
8 PROVIDE THAT ANY LAB-GROWN HONEY SHALL NOT BE LABELED AS HONEY;
9 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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