

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 33

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges enactment of “Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging the enactment of the federal “Safe
2 and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015.”
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4 **WHEREAS**, Consumers are interested and invested in knowing
5 information about the foods they eat every day, from the source or
6 origin of the food to the nutritional facts and composition of the
7 food; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Certain foods and products include “genetically engineered
9 organisms,” commonly referred to as genetically modified
10 organisms (GMOs), which are plants containing genetic material
11 that has been modified through in vitro recombinant
12 deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) techniques rather than through the
13 use of conventional breeding techniques; and
14 **WHEREAS**, In March 2015, Representative Pompeo and many other
15 members of Congress introduced H.R. 1599, the “Safe and
16 Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015”; and
17 **WHEREAS**, In July 2015, the House of Representatives passed H.R.
18 1599 with bipartisan support, and the bill awaits consideration by
19 the Senate; and
20 **WHEREAS**, The “Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015”
21 provides that the United States Food and Drug Administration
22 may require a GMO food to have a label that informs consumers of
23 a material difference between the GMO food and a comparable
24 food if the disclosure is necessary to protect public health and
25 safety or to prevent the label from being false or misleading; and
26 **WHEREAS**, Enactment of the “Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of
27 2015” would avert inconsistency resulting from a patchwork of
28 state labeling laws, while providing clarity and transparency in food
29 labeling, supporting innovation, and keeping food affordable; and
30 **WHEREAS**, Under the bill, the food safety role of the United States
31 Food and Drug Administration would be preserved and affirmed
32 and the general public’s appetite for knowing the contents of their
33 food would be satiated; and
34 **WHEREAS**, It is the intent of the sponsors of the “Safe and Accurate
35 Food Labeling Act of 2015” to ensure that America’s farmers will
36 continue to be able to innovate and improve the quality and quantity
37 of their crops and provide nutritious, affordable food on families’
38 tables both in the United States and across the world; and
39 **WHEREAS**, It is in the public interest, of the citizens of the State of
40 New Jersey and this great nation, to improve consumer food
41 product awareness through accurate, standardized, and transparent
42 labeling and to support the important work of farmers; now,
43 therefore,
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45 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

