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An Act To Require the Labeling of Foods Made with Nanotechnology

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 101, sub-c. 8 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 8

LABELS FOR FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS MADE WITH NANOTECHNOLOGY

§ 530-B. Labels for food or food products made with nanotechnology

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Nanotechnology" means technology to control matter with dimensions of less than 100 nanometers, especially the manipulation of individual atoms and molecules.

2. Labeling required. A label must be placed on any food or food product offered for sale in the State made with the use of nanotechnology. The label must:

A. Contain a clear and concise statement that discloses the use of nanotechnology in production of the food or food product; and

B. Be conspicuously and prominently placed in order to be easily seen by the consumer.

3. Enforcement. If inspection personnel of the department find that food or a food product is not properly labeled as required by this section, the commissioner shall issue a stop order for the food or food product until it is labeled in accordance with this section.

The department shall adopt rules implementing this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a label be placed on any food or food product offered for sale in the State made with the use of nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is the branch of technology concerned with the control of matter with dimensions of less than 100 nanometers, especially the manipulation of individual atoms and molecules.