

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1084

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to consumer information; requiring country of origin labeling on fresh fruits and vegetables and frozen meats; providing methods for compliance; making Department of Agriculture responsible for enforcement; providing for administrative penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-81 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. On and after January 1, 2001, a retailer of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables or frozen meat shall inform consumers at the final point of sale of such fruits, vegetables or meat of the country of origin of such fresh fruits, fresh vegetables or frozen meat.

B. The information required by subsection A of this section may be provided to consumers by means of a label, stamp, mark, placard or other clear and visible sign on the commodity or on the package, display, holding unit or bin containing the commodity at the final point of sale to the consumers. Provided, if the commodity is already individually labeled regarding country of origin by a packer, importer or another person, the retailer shall not be required to provide any additional information to comply with this section.

C. The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this section and is authorized to promulgate such rules as are necessary for that purpose. If a

retailer fails to indicate the country of origin as required by this section, the Board of Agriculture may assess an administrative penalty on the retailer in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first violation of this section and not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a second or subsequent violation of this section in a three year period.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2000.

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