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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
JUNE 1, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.537, No.184), entitled  
2 "An act defining honey and regulating its sale and the  
3 labeling and sale of imitations of honey; and providing  
4 penalties for violation," further providing for a standard of  
5 identity for manufactured honey.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.537, No.184),  
9 referred to as the Honey Sale and Labeling Act, is amended by  
10 adding a section to read:

11 Section 2.1. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, within one  
12 year of the effective date of this section, promulgate  
13 regulations to establish a standard of identity for honey which  
14 standard shall apply to the honey manufactured, sold, kept for  
15 sale or exposed or offered for sale in this Commonwealth. In  
16 establishing the standard, the secretary shall commence with the  
17 Codex Standard for Honey approved and adopted by the Codex  
18 Alimentarius Commission and shall explain the reason for any

1 modification of the Codex Standard for Honey prior to finalizing  
2 the regulations.

3       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.