
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
JUNE 21, 2007

AN ACT

1 Requiring expiration dates to be printed on the packaging of
2 edible food products.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Labeling of edible food products.

6 The expiration date, or last day that the contents may be
7 consumed safely, shall be printed on the packaging of each
8 edible food product that is sold at retail.

9 Section 2. Sales of outdated products.

10 If a retailer deems the product contained in an outdated
11 package to be safe, the retailer may offer it for sale under an
12 in-store sign notifying the public that the product is outdated
13 but still offered for sale even though its expiration date has
14 occurred. The wording on the in-store sign shall be in at least
15 24-point type.

16 Section 3. Consumer's recourse.

1 A consumer may, if deemed necessary, report a retailer who
2 fails to comply with section 1 or 2. He may file a report with
3 either the district attorney of the situs county or with the
4 Bureau of Consumer Protection within the Office of Attorney
5 General.

6 Section 4. Enforcement.

7 The Department of Agriculture shall notify food retailers of
8 this act.

9 Section 5. Penalty.

10 A retailer who fails to comply with this act shall be subject
11 to a fine of \$50 per each occurrence. An occurrence shall be
12 deemed to occur when an outdated item is offered for sale
13 without a notice being provided in accordance with section 2.

14 Section 10. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 90 days.