

House Bill 747

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 26-2-268 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 information labels affixed to cases of eggs, so as to provide for the use of certain labeling  
3 information concerning expiration dates on eggs; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 26-2-268 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to information  
8 labels affixed to cases of eggs, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in lieu  
9 thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) At the time of packing and candling of each case of eggs, the producer or dealer shall  
11 affix a label not less than two inches by four inches or not less than eight square inches on  
12 one end of each case and on this label shall be legibly printed or stamped, in letters not less  
13 than one-fourth of an inch in size, the date when the eggs were packed and candled or the  
14 expiration date, which, in the case of stock rotation prefixes such as 'EXP', 'Expiration  
15 Date', 'Sell By', 'Not to be Sold After Date on End of Carton', 'Purchase By', 'Last Sale Date  
16 on End of Carton', and other similar prefixes, shall not exceed 30 days from the date  
17 packed and, in the case of prefixes indicating maximum time for expected quality, such as  
18 'Use Before', 'Use By', 'Best Before', 'Best If Used By', and similar prefixes, shall not  
19 exceed 45 days from the date packed; the size and grade of the eggs; and either the name  
20 and address of the packer or the U.S.D.A. assigned plant number or a state approved plant  
21 identification code. The name of the state of origin may be given. When eggs are sold in  
22 cartons, the cartons must show the date packed or the expiration date, which, in the case  
23 of stock rotation prefixes such as 'EXP', 'Expiration Date', 'Sell By', 'Not to be Sold After  
24 Date on End of Carton', 'Purchase By', 'Last Sale Date on End of Carton', and other similar  
25 prefixes, shall not exceed 30 days from the date packed and, in the case of prefixes  
26 indicating maximum time for expected quality, such as 'Use Before', 'Use By', 'Best

1 Before', 'Best If Used By', and similar prefixes, shall not exceed 45 days from the date  
2 packed, and the grade and size, together with either the name and address of the packer or  
3 the U.S.D.A. assigned plant number or a state approved plant identification code. The state  
4 of origin may also be given."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
7 without such approval.

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.