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## **HB2750: expiration date; eggs; definition**

**Sponsor: Representative Peña, LD 23**  
**Committee on Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs**

### **Overview**

Changes the limit for the expiration date of all eggs to no more than 45 days after the eggs were candled.

### **History**

The Arizona Department of Agriculture Director determines the standards of quality for chicken eggs produced for commercial sale in Arizona by candling ([A.R.S. § 3-705](#)). This process involves shining a bright light through an egg to determine the cleanliness and soundness of the shell, the size and condition of the aircell, and the condition of the yolk, white and germ ([A.R.S. § 3-701](#)). These eggs must meet standards, grades and weight classes for eggs prescribed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service ([AMS 56](#)). The highest quality eggs receive an USDA grade AA, while USDA grade A eggs have a similar exterior quality to AA eggs with a slightly lower interior quality. All cases, half cases, cartons or containers with eggs must be marked with an expiration date ([A.R.S. § 3-719](#)). Grade AA eggs in Arizona have an expiration date of no more than 24 days after they were candled while grade A eggs have an expiration date of no more than 45 days after the date they were candled ([A.R.S. § 3-701](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Changes the expiration date for all eggs, regardless of grade, no more than 45 days after the eggs were candled. (Sec. 1)
2. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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