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H. R. 1486

To direct the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to revise the Federal regulations applicable to the declaration of the trans fat content of a food on the label and in the labeling of the food when such content is less than 0.5 gram.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Trans Fat Truth in
5 Labeling Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Institute of Medicine of the National
2 Academies advises the United States Government on
3 nutritional science for use in the formation of public
4 policy, including product labeling programs.

5 (2) In 2002, the Institute of Medicine—

6 (A) issued recommended dietary reference
7 intake amounts for energy, carbohydrates, fiber,
8 fat, fatty acids, cholesterol, protein, and amino
9 acids; and

10 (B) made recommendations regarding con-
11 sumption of trans fat.

12 (3) These recommendations included the fol-
13 lowing statement: “trans fatty acids are not essen-
14 tial and provide no known benefit to human health”.

15 (4) The Institute of Medicine concluded that—

16 (A) both saturated and trans fats increase
17 levels of LDL cholesterol; and

18 (B) trans fats may also lower levels of
19 HDL cholesterol.

20 (5) A 2006 New England Journal of Medicine
21 scientific review stated that “from a nutritional
22 standpoint, the consumption of trans fatty acids re-
23 sults in considerable potential harm but no apparent
24 benefit”.

1 **SEC. 3. DECLARATION OF TRANS FAT CONTENT OF LESS**
2 **THAN 0.5 GRAM PER SERVING ON THE LABEL**
3 **OR IN THE LABELING OF FOOD.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 6 months after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner
6 of Food and Drugs shall promulgate a final regulation,
7 revising section 101.9(c)(2)(ii) of title 21 of the Code of
8 Federal Regulations and such other regulatory provisions
9 as may be necessary, to—

10 (1) require that the nutrition information on
11 the label or labeling on an applicable food contain an
12 asterisk or another similar notation and a note to in-
13 dicate that the food has a low trans fat content per
14 serving; and

15 (2) prohibit the label or labeling on an applica-
16 ble food from indicating that trans fat content per
17 serving is zero.

18 (b) APPLICABLE FOOD.—For purposes of this sec-
19 tion, the term “applicable food” means a food for which—

20 (1) the trans fat content of a serving of the
21 food is less than 0.5 gram and greater than 0.0
22 gram; and

23 (2) the trans fat content of a serving of the
24 food is declared in the nutrition information on the
25 label or in the labeling of the food.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulation promulgated
2 under subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is
3 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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