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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require a grocery store,  
9 restaurant, or other business offering beef for  
10 sale to the general public to notify the consumer  
11 if the beef or menu item containing beef includes  
12 lean finely textured beef product by labeling the  
13 item or providing a notice or disclaimer on the  
14 menu or elsewhere in the establishment.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT  
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20 To provide notice to consumers of the presence of  
21 lean finely textured beef products in beef or in any menu item  
22 containing beef; and to require the State Board of Health to  
23 promulgate rules.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, "lean  
26 finely textured beef products" means a beef product created

1 from beef trimmings using a process that separates the fat  
2 from beef in order to reduce the overall fat content of the  
3 beef.

4 (b) Any grocery store, restaurant, or other person  
5 or business that offers beef for sale to the general public or  
6 includes beef in a menu item shall notify the consumer of the  
7 presence of any lean finely textured beef product in any beef  
8 or beef product by placing a label on the beef or beef product  
9 or providing a notice or disclaimer on the menu or on a  
10 placard not smaller than eight and one-half by 11 inches in  
11 close proximity to the food establishment permit in a  
12 conspicuous place.

13 (c) The State Board of Health shall adopt rules  
14 providing for inspection and labeling or other notice to the  
15 consumer of menu items with beef containing lean finely  
16 textured beef product at grocery stores, restaurants, food  
17 service establishments, and similar businesses that the board  
18 has jurisdiction to inspect. The rules adopted by the board  
19 may provide civil penalties for failure to provide accurate  
20 labeling or other notice to the consumer.

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
22 first day of the third month following its passage and  
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.