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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a food service
9 establishment must provide the name and country of
10 origin of all food products containing catfish.
11 Under existing law, the notification of the country
12 of origin may be made by listing the country of
13 origin on the menu or by using a sign or table top
14 display meeting certain specifications as to size
15 of the sign and the print on the sign.

16 This bill would also require food service
17 establishments to list the country of origin of
18 food products containing fish products of the Order
19 of Siluriformes.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT
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25 To amend Section 22-20A-31, Code of Alabama 1975,
26 relating to advertising by food service establishments of
27 certain products containing catfish; to require a food service

1 establishment to identify the country of origin of food
2 products containing fish products of the Order of
3 Siluriformes; and to provide further for the manner of
4 notification of the country of origin.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. Section 22-20A-31, Code of Alabama 1975,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 "§22-20A-31.

9 "(a) A food service establishment shall not
10 advertise or label a food item as catfish unless it is fish
11 classified within the family of Ictaluridae.

12 "(b) Any advertising of catfish or other members of
13 the Order of Siluriformes, or catfish products or siluriformes
14 products by food service establishments shall state the
15 country of origin if the product was imported from a country
16 other than the United States of America. The advertising
17 required in this subsection stating the country of origin of
18 the product shall be displayed daily when the catfish or
19 siluriformes or catfish products or siluriformes products are
20 from a country other than the United States of America.

21 "(c) No catfish or siluriformes product shall be
22 offered for sale at a food service establishment unless
23 consumers are notified of the name and country of origin of
24 the product. A food service establishment shall comply with
25 this requirement by listing the country of origin on the menu
26 in the same location and in the same size font as the product
27 being offered, or by using a sign or tabletop display

1 identifying the country of origin of the catfish offered for
2 sale. If a sign is used, it shall be a minimum of 93 square
3 inches with characters at least one inch in size. The sign or
4 a series of signs shall be posted on a wall in a conspicuous
5 location or locations in plain view of all patrons. If a
6 tabletop display is used, it shall be at least 30 square
7 inches and be placed on each table that is used for service."

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