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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
27 from beef trimmings using a process that separates the fat

1 from beef in order to reduce the overall fat content of the
2 beef.

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

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

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