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By Representatives Van Luven, Veloria, Esser, Tokuda, Santos, Cooper, Morell and Nixon

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1 AN ACT Relating to the halal food consumer protection act; adding  
2 a new chapter to Title 69 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply  
5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (1) "Dealer" means any person that advertises, represents, or holds  
7 itself out as selling, preparing, or maintaining food as halal  
8 including, but not limited to, manufacturers, slaughterhouses,  
9 wholesalers, stores, restaurants, hotels, catering facilities, butcher  
10 shops, summer camps, bakeries, delicatessens, supermarkets, grocery  
11 stores, nursing homes, freezer dealers, and food plan companies.

12 (2) "Food product" includes any article other than drugs, whether  
13 in raw or prepared form, liquid or solid, or packaged or unpackaged,  
14 and which is used for human consumption.

15 (3) "Halal" means a food product which has been prepared,  
16 processed, manufactured, maintained, and sold in strict compliance with  
17 the laws and customs of the Islamic religion.

18 (4) "Person" includes individuals, partnerships, corporations, and  
19 associations.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) No dealer may knowingly sell or offer  
2 for sale any food product represented as "halal" or "halal style" when  
3 that dealer knows that the food product is not halal and when the  
4 representation is likely to cause a prospective purchaser to believe  
5 that it is halal.    This representation can be made orally or in  
6 writing, or by display of a sign, mark, insignia, or simulation.

7        (2) A dealer that sells "halal" or "halal style" food products,  
8 where this food product represents more than fifty percent of the  
9 person's sales, must maintain and make available, upon request, a  
10 written copy of ingredients and processes used in the preparation of  
11 these food products.

12        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A violation of this chapter constitutes a  
13 violation of the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.

14        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    A dealer who violates any provision of this  
15 chapter is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

16        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This chapter may be known and cited as the  
17 halal food consumer protection act.

18        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute  
19 a new chapter in Title 69 RCW.

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