

2710-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Van Luven, Veloria, Esser, Tokuda, Santos, Cooper, Morell and Nixon)

Brief Description: Applying the consumer protection act to the sale of halal food products.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/15/02)

Declares that no dealer may knowingly sell or offer for sale any food product represented as "halal" or "halal style" when that dealer knows or should know that the food product is not halal and when the representation is likely to cause a prospective purchaser to believe that it is halal.

Provides that a dealer that sells "halal" or "halal style" food products, where this food product represents more than fifty percent of the person's inventory, must: (1) Label all "nonhalal" food products as "nonhalal" by display of appropriate signage or labeling so that the consumer can clearly differentiate between food products that are "halal" and "nonhalal"; and

(2) Maintain and make available, upon request, a written copy of ingredients and processes, used in the preparation of halal food products. This provision only applies if the information is readily available from the producer, wholesaler, or distributor of the halal food product.

Declares that a dealer who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.