

NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

Please Support GMO-Labeling Before Session Ends!

Take Action to influence debate and votes on GMO-labeling bills! Send a message to State and Federal legislators today! Click on your state below to support GMO-labeling, then tell Congress mandatory labeling is the only GMO-labeling we need. With the U.S. government's approval of GMO apples and potatoes, and the expected FDA approval of biotech pink pineapples and purple tomatoes on the horizon, now is the time to tell your legislators why you advocate for GMO-labeling! Stand up for your right to make informed choices about your family's diet.

Click on Your State NOW and Take Action!

<u>Alaska</u>
<u>Arizona</u>
Connecticut
<u>Florida</u>
Hawaii
<u>Illinois</u>
Indiana
Maine
<u>Minnesota</u>
<u>Missouri</u>
<u>New York</u>
Oklahoma
Oregon
Texas

And a Federal Bill: Federal H. B. 393/ S.B. 511

Read About More Detail in Your State

<u>Alaska</u> HB 92, introduced January 30, 2015, was heard in the House Resources Committee on March 9, 2015 and again on March 23. Listen to the hearing <u>here</u>. Read the bill <u>here</u>. <u>Take Action Here</u>.

<u>Arizona</u> HB 2462 was read for the first time and referred to the Rules Committee on March 31, 2015. Read the bill <u>here</u>.

<u>Connecticut</u> HB 5726 and HB 6042, would eliminate trigger events for the effectiveness of statutes enacted last year to label food products that contain genetically modified organisms. The bills were referred to the Joint Committee on Environment on Jan. 21, 2015. Read the bill <u>here</u>. <u>Take Action Here</u>.

Florida HB 351/SB416 were filed in January and introduced on March 3, 2015. The House version was referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee and the Senate bill was referred to the Agriculture Committee. Read the bill <u>here.</u> **Take Action Here**.

Hawaii SB131 passed a second reading and was referred to CPN/Senate Ways and Means committee on February 20, 2015. SB 1315 and SB 1321 were referred to CPN/Senate Health/AGL, Senate Judiciary and Labor, and the Senate Ways and Means committees on February 2, 2015. SB 875 was referred to CPN/Senate Health/AGL, Senate Ways and Means committees on January 28, 2015. Read the bill(s) <u>here</u>. <u>Take Action Here</u>.

Illinois SB 734 was filed on Feb. 3, 2015 and assigned to Environment and Conservation on Mar. 5. The Committee postponed hearing the bill on March 12, 19, and 26. Help move SB 734 out of committee by the committee deadline of April 24, 2015. Read the bill <u>here</u>. **Take Action Here**.

Indiana SB 60 and SB264/ HB1460 were all introduced in January, 2015. SB 60 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, SB264 was referred to Commerce and Technology, and HB 1460 to Agriculture and Rural Development. Read the bill(s) <u>here</u>. Take Action Here.

Maine LD 991 (HP 686) would eliminate trigger events for the effectiveness of, and the automatic repeal of, statutes enacted in 2013 to label food products that contain GMOs. LD 991 was tabled back in March but was taken from the table by the Senate President and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on April 14, 2015. A public hearing on the bill is scheduleed for Thursday, April 30 at 12pm in Cross Building Room 214. Read the bill here. Take Action Here.

<u>Minnesota</u> SF 335/HF 351 were introduced on Jan. 26, 2015. SF 335 was sent to Commerce and HF 351 was sent to Agriculture Policy Committee. Read the bill(s) <u>here</u>. <u>Take Action Here</u>.

<u>Missouri</u> HB 168 was read for a second time in the House on Jan. 8, 2015. The bill is currently not on a House calendar. Read the bill <u>here</u>. <u>Take Action Here</u>.

New York SB 485/ AB617 and AB4233 were introduced in January 2015. SB 485 is in the Consumer Protection committee and the Assembly bills were referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs and Protection Committee. AB617 was reported and referred to codes on March 3, 2015. Read the bill(s) <u>here</u>. <u>Take Action Here</u>.

Oklahoma HB 1370 was read a second time and referred to Rules Committee on February 3, 2015. Read the bill(s) <u>here</u>. **Take Action Here**.

Oregon HB 3121 was first read on Feb. 23 and was assigned to the Rural Communities, Land Use and Water Committee on March 2, 2015. Read the bill(s) <u>here</u>. <u>Take Action Here</u>.

Texas HB 3499 was introduced and referred to the House Public Health Committee on March 18, 2015. HB 3499 is the first GMO-labeling bill to be introduced in Texas and, in addition to requiring labeling, HB 3499 also prohibits use of the term "natural" and other misleading words from appearing in the label, signage or in advertising of GMO foods. Read the bill <u>here</u>. Take Action <u>Here</u>.

Federal H. B. 393/S.B. 511 were introduced on Feb. 12, 2015. The Senate bill was read twice and assigned to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. The House bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Read the bill here. **Take Action Here**.

The future of our food supply is in your hands. Let your voice be heard. Get involved in your community to support GMO-labeling by, for example, connecting with your local <u>LabelGMOs.org</u> group. Also, do your best to put your money where your mouth is by using IRT's <u>Non-GMO Shopping Guide</u> every time you shop. Learn more at the Institute for Responsible Technology website <u>here</u>. Also, stay up to date on diverse State, Federal and Government Agency- related food freedom issues at Organic Consumers Association <u>here</u>.

