



# NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

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## **FOUR STATES Need Your Immediate Action Help Pass Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Labeling Bills!**

**SUPPORT Connecticut, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont in GMO-labeling bills!** Bills moving in these four states would place the burden of disclosure on the manufacturers by requiring a label for GMO containing foods. Currently there is no law requiring the labeling of foods containing or produced with genetically modified organisms. Without such disclosure mandates, manufacturers may voluntarily inform consumers of products containing GMOs but most are choosing not to do so. Some consumer-friendly manufacturers and independent organizations assume the burden of labeling products without GMOs by labeling them as “GMO-free”. **Click on a State to Take Action NOW! [Connecticut] – [New Jersey] – [Rhode Island] – [Vermont].** **Corey link to DIA pages.** **Read more.**

**Connecticut House Bill No. 5117**

**New Jersey House Bill No. 1367**

**Rhode Island House Bill No. 7494**

**Vermont House Bill No. 722**

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**CONNECTICUT House Bill No. 5117, mandating labeling of GMO foods,** was passed favorably out of the Joint House and Senate Environmental Committee and sent to the House floor on 3/21/2012. H.B. 5117 will likely be heard in other committees before moving back to the House Floor and to the Senate. **Click HERE to Take Action.**

[http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/850/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=10010](http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/850/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=10010)

**To read the bill,** click here. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05117-R00-HB.htm>

**NEW JERSEY House Bill No. 1367, mandating labeling of GMO foods,** was introduced in the Senate on February 6, 2012 and was referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. **Click HERE to Take Action.**

[http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/850/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=10011](http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/850/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=10011)

**To read the bill,** click here. [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/S1500/1367\\_I1.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2012/Bills/S1500/1367_I1.HTM)

**RHODE ISLAND House Bill No. 7494, mandating labeling of GMO foods,** was introduced on February 9, 2012 and was referred to the House Health, Education and Welfare Committee. On March 14, 2012, the House HEW Committee recommended HB 7494 be held for further

study and we need your help to get it moving again. **Click HERE to Take Action.**

[http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/850/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=10012](http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/850/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=10012)

**To read the bill**, click here.

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText12/HouseText12/H7494.pdf>

**VERMONT House Bill No. 722, mandating labeling of GMO foods**, was introduced on February 1, 2012 and was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. On March 27, 2012, the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing on the bill. **Click HERE to Take Action.**

[http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/850/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=10013](http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/850/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=10013)

**To read the bill**, click here. <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/bills/Intro/H-722.pdf>

**ADDITIONAL STATES:** Please thank Legislators in the following states for introducing the following GMO-Label bills that are no longer active this legislative session. **Contact them at below contact info** and encourage them to introduce the bills again next session:

**Hawaii, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee,  
Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia**

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#### Hawaii GMO bills:

<b>For H.B. 2031, Thank Representative Mele Carroll</b> , <a href="mailto:repcarroll@capitol.hawaii.gov">repcarroll@capitol.hawaii.gov</a> ; 808-586-6790
<b>H.B. 2031</b> Requires any genetically-engineered food products that is sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the State to be labeled as a genetically-engineered food product.
<b>For S.B. 2279, Thank Senator Mike Gabbard</b> , <a href="mailto:sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov">sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov</a> , 808-586-6830 <b>Senator Maile Shimabukuro</b> , <a href="mailto:senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov">senshimabukuro@capitol.hawaii.gov</a> , 808-586-7793
<b>S.B. 2279</b> Prohibits the sale or distribution of any genetically engineered whole food intended for human consumption unless the food is labeled as genetically engineered. Defines "genetically engineered food crop", "modern biotechnology", and "genetically engineered whole food".
<b>For S.B. 2443, Thank Senator Rosalyn Baker</b> , <a href="mailto:senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov">senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov</a> , 808-586-6070
<b>S.B. 2443</b> Requires, beginning 01/01/13, specific labeling for any food or raw agricultural commodity sold in the State that contains or was produced with a genetically engineered material.
<b>For S.B. 2478 , Thank Senator Josh Green</b> , <a href="mailto:sengreen@capitol.hawaii.gov">sengreen@capitol.hawaii.gov</a> , 808-586-9385; and <b>Senator Chun Oakland</b> , <a href="mailto:senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov">senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov</a> , 808-586-6130
<b>S.B. 2478</b> Requires genetically engineered food products that are sold, offered for sale, or distributed in this State to be labeled as such, with certain exceptions. Defines "genetically engineered food product." Establishes penalties for violations.
<b>For S.B. 2891, Thank Senator Shan Tsutsui</b> , <a href="mailto:sentsutsui@capitol.hawaii.gov">sentsutsui@capitol.hawaii.gov</a> , 808-586-7344
<b>S.B. 2891</b> Establishes labeling requirements for any food or raw agricultural commodity sold in the State that contains a genetically engineered material, or was produced with a genetically engineered material; establishes exceptions; establishes violations; requires director of health to adopt rules.

#### Iowa GMO bills:

<b>For H.F. 375, Thank Representative Patrick Murphy</b> , <a href="mailto:pat.murphy@legis.state.ia.us">pat.murphy@legis.state.ia.us</a> , 563.582.5922
<b>H.F. 375</b> Provides labeling requirements for certain genetically modified agricultural commodities and products, and making penalties applicable.

### Minnesota GMO bills:

<b>For H.F. 2808, Thank Representative Karen Clark</b> , rep.karen.clark@house.mn, 651-296-0294
<b>H.F. 2808</b> Requires labeling of genetically engineered food and provides criminal penalties.
<b>For H.F. 2563, Thank Representative Patricia Torres Ray</b> , sen.patricia.torres.ray@senate.mn, 651.296.4274
<b>S.F. 2563</b> Requires labeling of genetically engineered food and provides criminal penalties.

### Missouri GMO bills:

<b>For H.B. 984, Thank Representative Tim Meadows</b> , Tim.Meadows@house.mo.gov, 573-751-1311
<b>H.B. 984</b> Requires the label of a food or food product containing genetically modified materials to indicate that such food or food product contains genetically modified materials.
<b>For H.B. 1013, Thank Representative Leonard Hughes IV</b> , leonard.hughes@house.mo.gov, 573-751-1501
<b>H.B. 1013</b> Requires all food and food product labels to include whether certain hormone growth substances are contained in such food or whether such food contains any product which is genetically modified
<b>For H.B. 2088, Thank Representative Leonard Hughes IV</b> , leonard.hughes@house.mo.gov, 573-751-1501
<b>H.B. 2088</b> Requires all food and food products sold in Missouri that are or contain genetically modified products to be labeled indicating that the food is or contains genetically modified products.

### North Carolina GMO bills:

<b>For H.B. 446, Thank Representative Glen Bradley</b> , Glen.Bradley@ncleg.net, 919-733-5860
<b>H.B. 446</b> Requires labeling of food and milk products sold in this state that are or that contain genetically modified food and or milk and milk products from animals that have received Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (Rbgh).

### Tennessee GMO bills:

<b>For H.B. 3678, Thank Representative Joe Towns</b> , rep.joe.towns@capitol.tn.gov, 615-741-2189
<b>H.B. 3678</b> Requires the labeling of foods containing and produced with genetically engineered material and prescribes penalties. *Representative Towns offered this bill in past sessions as well but it never moved due to lack of a senate sponsor; therefore encourage your representatives in the Senate to work with Representative Towns.

### Vermont GMO bills:

<b>For H.B. 733, Thank Representative Eldred French</b> , efrench@leg.state.vt.us, (802) 492-3304
<b>H.B. 733</b> Establishes a cause of action in trespass against the manufacturer of a genetically engineered seed or genetically engineered plant part when such seed or plant part enters the property of a person engaged in an agricultural activity and causes damages and provides that indemnification clauses in seed contracts are against public policy and are void and unenforceable and that seed contracts shall not include venue clauses that provide that a dispute under a seed contract shall be governed by the laws of a state other than Vermont.

### Virginia GMO bills:

**For S.B. 606, Thank Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel,** [district27@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district27@senate.virginia.gov), (804) 698-7527

**S.B. 606** Requires that genetically-engineered food be labeled and provides penalties.

#### Washington GMO bills:

**For S.B. 6298, Thank Senator Maralyn Chase,** (360) 786-7662,  
<https://dlr.leg.wa.gov/memberemail/mailform.aspx?chamber=h&district=12&position=1>,

**S.B. 6298** Requires the labeling of foods containing genetically engineered material and prescribes penalties.

**For H.B. 2637, Thank Representative Cary Condotta,** (360) 786-7954, <https://dlr.leg.wa.gov/memberemail/mailform.aspx?chamber=h&district=12&position=1>

**H.B. 2637** Requires the labeling of foods containing genetically engineered material and prescribes penalties.

#### West Virginia GMO bills:

**For H.B. 2178, Thank Representative Mike Manypenny,** [mike.manypenny@wvhouse.gov](mailto:mike.manypenny@wvhouse.gov), (304) 340-3139

**H.B. 2178** Creates the Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act and sets forth labeling requirements regarding the sale of foods containing genetically engineered materials and foods produced with genetically engineered materials; provides for civil suits by the Commissioner of Agriculture and suits by citizens.

**For H.B. 2180, Thank Representative Mike Manypenny,** [mike.manypenny@wvhouse.gov](mailto:mike.manypenny@wvhouse.gov), (304) 340-3139

**H.B. 2180** Creates the Genetically Engineered Crop and Animal Farmer Protection Act and sets forth information requirements regarding the sale of genetically engineered seeds; plants and animals; identifies certain contractual provisions to be against public policy; prevents noncompetitive practices involving technology fees; establishes measures to be taken to avoid cross pollination of genetically engineered plants and seeds; requires genetically engineered seeds to be so labeled; prohibits loan discrimination, provides for civil and citizen suits.



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