



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 226**

January Session, 2003

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1110

*Senate, April 8, 2003*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING SELL BY DATES FOR MEAT, POULTRY OR FISH.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Commissioner of  
2 Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
3 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to require that each  
4 meat, poultry or fish product sold at retail for human consumption  
5 contain a packaging label that indicates the date by which such  
6 product must be sold in order to ensure the freshness of the product  
7 and the safety of consumers. Such regulations shall prohibit retailers  
8 from altering or repackaging such products in a manner that obscures  
9 or obliterates such date or extends such date placed on the product  
10 packaging by the manufacturer of the product.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill requires the commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations requiring each meat, poultry or fish product sold at retail for human consumption to contain the date by which the product must be sold to ensure freshness and the safety of consumers.

It is anticipated that the regulations will be promulgated by the department's staff without the need for additional budgetary resources.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the consumer protection commissioner to adopt regulations requiring each meat, poultry, or fish product sold at retail for human consumption to contain a packaging label that gives the date by which the product must be sold in order to ensure freshness and consumer safety. The regulation must prohibit retailers from altering or repackaging products in a way that obscures or obliterates the date or extends the date placed on the packaging by its manufacturer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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