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H. R. 3363

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit fraudulently representing a product to be maple syrup.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. OWENS, and Ms. PINGREE of Maine) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maple Agriculture Pro-
5 tection and Law Enforcement Act of 2011” or the
6 “MAPLE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FRAUDULENTLY REPRESENTING A PRODUCT AS**
2 **MAPLE SYRUP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1041. Fraudulently representing a product as**
7 **maple syrup**

8 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘maple
9 syrup’ means a liquid food—

10 “(1) derived by—

11 “(A) concentration and heat treatment of
12 the sap of a species of tree in the genus *Acer*
13 (commonly known as ‘maple trees’); or

14 “(B) solution in water of maple sugar
15 (commonly know as ‘maple concrete’) made
16 from the sap of a species of tree in the genus
17 *Acer*;

18 “(2) that is not less than 66 percent by weight
19 of soluble solids derived solely from the sap of a spe-
20 cies of tree in the genus *Acer*; and

21 “(3) the concentration of which may be ad-
22 justed by adding water.

23 “(b) OFFENSE.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
25 graph (2), it shall be unlawful for any person to
26 knowingly and willfully introduce or deliver for intro-

1 duction into interstate commerce a product that is
2 labeled as maple syrup and that is not maple syrup.

3 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
4 apply to a product labeled as maple syrup that is not
5 maple syrup if the label also includes a clear identi-
6 fication of the true nature of the product.

7 “(c) PENALTY.—Any person that violates subsection
8 (b) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more
9 than 5 years, or both.”.

10 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
11 The table of sections for chapter 47 of title 18, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

“1041. Fraudulently representing a product as maple syrup.”.

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