

112TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1742

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 20, 2011

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. SNOWE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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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