

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1247 - SB 1301

February 26, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) from requiring the labeling of meat and meat food products at a retail location other than the weight of the meat or meat food product.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Meat labeling requirements are stipulated federally in the U.S. Meat Inspection Act.
- According to DOA, this bill could increase the number of consumer complaints involving misrepresentation of cuts of meat and meat products. However, the department has indicated the bill will result in no fiscal impact to the department. As a result, any operational impact to the department can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- Any other impact as a result of this bill will be borne by private entities.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Possible changes to the type of information that is on labels for meat and other meat food products, is not anticipated to have any significant impact on commerce.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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