

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # 41						
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1 An act to create marketing regulations on FDA approved processed products

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: From a food science perspective, it is difficult to define a food product that is "natural" because the
6 food has probably been processed and is no longer the product of the earth. That said, FDA has not developed a
7 definition for use of the term natural or its derivatives. However, the agency has not objected to the use of the
8 term if the food does not contain added color, artificial flavors, or synthetic substances. Organic labels can be
9 found on produce, dairy, meat, processed foods, condiments and beverages. Food products labeled "organic" must
10 contain at least 95% organic ingredients with no synthetic growth hormones, antibiotics, pesticides, etc... used in
11 production or processing. Products that contain at least 70 percent organic ingredients and are produced without
12 synthetic methods are labeled "made with organic ingredients" although they cannot use the USDA organic seal
13 on their packaging. This label denotes the food was grown using the same standards as those for organic, but not
14 on a farm actually certified by the National Organic Program of the USDA's organic program, so this is an
15 alternative, non-government certification system where other farmers act as inspectors in a program
16 administered by a non-profit organization called Certified Naturally Grown. The Certified Naturally Grown label
17 indicates that someone is certifying that it is indeed natural, rather than just using the word "Natural" for
18 marketing purposes.

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20 Section 2: This bill will revise and extend the preexisting USDA regulations and will greatly expand FDA regulations
21 on labeling food products "natural". The current USDA and FDA regulations for this are either vague or
22 "undefined". This allows food incorporations to falsely label their products and mislead consumers. Upon passage
23 of this bill, the USDA and FDA will have to create more specific regulations for labeling their product natural.

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25 Section 3: This bill affects anyone who consumes food products with the label "natural". With the current USDA
26 and FDA regulations consumers are misinformed about what they are actually eating. According to the current
27 regulations there is no difference between derived from biotechnology and their traditions counterparts. This
28 means that the so called "natural" food that you are putting in your body can contain toxic pesticides, misuse
29 antibiotics, and or growth hormones. Enactment of this bill will ensure that "natural" labeled products will be
30 genetically, un-engineered and contain no artificial or synthetic ingredients. Ultimately, this bill will improve the
31 health of consumers.

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33 Section 4: The funding for this bill will come from the Department for Public Health Services.

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35 Sections 5: This bill will go into effect upon passage.