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H.B. No. 2761

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the labeling of beef and pork products; providing a
3 civil penalty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 431.085 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 431.085. LABELING OF BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS REQUIRED;
8 CIVIL PENALTY. (a) A retailer of beef, pork, or a beef or pork
9 product shall affix a label to the container of the product
10 designating the country of origin of the beef or pork used to make
11 the product. If unwrapped or unpackaged beef, pork, or a beef or
12 pork product is displayed for sale, the display case or container in
13 which the meat is displayed must be clearly labeled with the country
14 of origin.

15 (b) A retailer who violates Subsection (a) is liable to the
16 state for a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day the violation
17 continues.

18 (c) The attorney general may sue to collect the penalty and
19 may recover reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining the penalty,
20 including investigative costs, court costs, reasonable attorney's
21 fees, witness fees, and deposition expenses.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.