

SENATE BILL 1913

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53,  
relative to food.

WHEREAS, federal law defines "butter" as the food product usually known as butter, and which is made exclusively from milk or cream, or both, with or without common salt, and with or without additional coloring matter, and containing not less than 80 per centum by weight of milk fat, all tolerances having been allowed for; and

WHEREAS, federal law prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from establishing any definition, standard of identity, or standard of quality for butter; and

WHEREAS, the Dairy Law of the State of Tennessee, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 53, Chapter 3, uses the term "butter" but does not define the term; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid confusion, it is fitting that "butter" should have the same meaning under the laws of Tennessee as the definition in the first clause of this preamble; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-3-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "Butter" means the food product usually known as butter, and which is made exclusively from milk or cream, or both, with or without common salt, and with or without additional coloring matter, and containing not less than eighty percent (80%) by weight of milk fat, all tolerances having been allowed for;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.