

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1742

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

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

A BILL

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

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.”.

○