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By Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.04
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A retailer who sells beef or offers beef for sale that is
6 raised and processed in Washington state must make an effort to
7 display information that is clearly visible and readily viewable by
8 the public and placed in the immediate vicinity of the beef to
9 designate and display the beef as "U.S.A. beef" if the beef is
10 derived exclusively from animals that are either:

11 (a) Born, raised, and slaughtered exclusively in the United
12 States; or

13 (b) Born and raised exclusively in the United States and
14 transported for a period of time not more than sixty days through any
15 other country and slaughtered in the United States.

16 (2) The retailer is only required to comply with subsection (1)
17 of this section if the Washington state beef shipped to the retailer
18 is clearly marked as to its origin and is accompanied with a placard
19 or similar signage compatible with the display case of the retailer.

20 (3) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this
21 section.

22 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
23 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

24 (a) "Beef" means meat from cattle, including veal.

25 (b)(i) "Meat" means the edible part of the muscle of an animal
26 that is skeletal or that is found in the tongue, diaphragm, heart, or
27 esophagus, with or without the accompanying or overlying fat, and the
28 portions of the bone, skin, sinew, nerve, and blood vessels that
29 normally accompany the muscle tissue and that are not separated from
30 it in the process of dressing.

31 (ii)(A) "Meat" includes the edible part of the muscle that has
32 been chopped or ground.

1 (B) "Meat" does not include the muscle found in the lips, snout,
2 or ears, nor any edible part of the muscle that has been
3 manufactured, cured, smoked, cooked, or processed.

4 (c) "Retailer" means a person regularly engaged in the business
5 of selling meat at retail to the public and selling only to the user
6 or consumer and not for resale."

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7 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the
8 remainder of the title and insert "authorizing retailers to display
9 information to designate beef as "U.S.A. beef" if the beef meets
10 certain requirements and is accompanied by signage; and adding a new
11 section to chapter 15.04 RCW."

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that a retailer who sells beef
must make an effort to display information to designate beef as
"imported."

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