MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2021

By: Representative Banks

To: Public Health and Human Services; Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 402

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-1-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY HOW A RETAILER IS REQUIRED TO LABEL THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ON COVERED COMMODITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 69-1-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-1-305. (1) A retailer of a covered commodity shall inform consumers, at the final point of sale of the covered commodity to consumers, of the country of origin of the covered commodity.

(2) (a) The information *** * *** shall be provided to consumers by means of a label, stamp, mark, placard or other clear and visible sign on the covered commodity or on the package, display, holding unit or bin containing the commodity at the final point of sale to consumers.

(b) If the covered commodity is already individually labeled for retail sale regarding country of origin, the retailer

shall not be required to provide any additional information to comply with this section.

(3) A supplier shall provide information to the retailer indicating the country of origin of the covered commodity.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.