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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, bread, flour, and cornmeal are required to be enriched with certain vitamins and other ingredients before being sold for human consumption in this state.

This bill would require corn masa and products containing corn masa be enriched with folic acid before being sold for human consumption in this state.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to food enrichment; to amend Section 20-1-71, Code of Alabama 1975, to define the terms "corn masa" and "corn masa product"; to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style; and to add Section 20-1-79 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require corn masa and corn masa products be enriched with certain ingredients prior to being sold for human consumption.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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Section 1. Section 20-1-71, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§20-1-71

When used in this article, the following ~~words and phrases~~ terms ~~shall~~ have the following meanings, ~~respectively~~, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

~~(1)~~ (3) BREAD. ~~Such term includes and shall be limited to bread~~ Bread ~~and~~, rolls ~~(or buns)~~, or buns of every kind and description made wholly or partly from wheat flour which conforms to the definition and standard of identity of bread set out in 21 ~~Code of Federal Regulations, Part 17~~ C.F.R. Part 136. ~~Such term excludes~~ The term does not include bread containing no wheat flour or breads made from 100 percent whole wheat flour, ~~but~~. The term includes breads made from mixtures of white flour and whole wheat flour, ~~the so-called~~ known as brown breads.

(4) CORN MASA. A dry flour-type product made from corn that has been treated with slaked lime or otherwise undergoes a process known as nixtamalization.

(5) CORN MASA PRODUCT. Any food product containing corn masa.

~~(2)~~ (8) FLOUR. ~~Such term includes and shall be limited to the foods defined as:~~

- a. Flour, white flour, wheat flour, and plain flour ~~;~~ .
- b. Bromated flour ~~;~~ .
- c. Self-rising flour, self-rising white flour, and self-rising wheat flour ~~;~~ and .
- d. Phosphated flour, phosphated white flour, and



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phosphated wheat flour in the definitions and standards of identity set out in 21-~~Code of Federal Regulations, Part 15 C.F.R. Part 137~~. ~~Such term also~~ The term includes all mixtures of ~~such~~ flours with whole wheat or high-extraction flours, ~~but excludes~~. The term does not include 100 percent whole wheat flour and specially packaged cake and pancake flour.

~~(3)~~ (6) CORNMEAL. All meal for human consumption made from corn, either white or yellow, whole cornmeal, bolted cornmeal, and degerminated cornmeal as defined in definitions and standards of identity set out in 21-~~Code of Federal Regulations, Part 15 C.F.R. Part 137~~.

~~(4)~~ (9) GRITS. Grits, pearl grits, and degerminated grits made from corn by grinding or cracking as defined in the standards of identity set out in 21-~~Code of Federal Regulations, Part 15 C.F.R. Part 137~~.

~~(5)~~ (7) ENRICHMENT. As applied to bread, flour, meal, or grits, ~~such term means~~ the addition thereto of vitamins and other ingredients of the nature required by this article and "enriched bread," "enriched flour," "enriched whole cornmeal," "enriched bolted meal," "enriched degerminated meal," or "enriched grits" means the appropriate food product, according to the federal standards of identity, that has been enriched to conform to the requirements of this article.

~~(6)~~ (10) PERSON. An individual, ~~a~~ corporation, ~~a~~ partnership, ~~an~~ association, ~~a~~ joint stock company, ~~a~~ trust, or any unincorporated organization.

~~(7)~~ (1) APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY. The federal agency or department or administrative federal officer charged with



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the enforcement and administration of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

~~(8)~~ (2) BOARD. The Alabama State Board of Agriculture and Industries."

§20-1-79

Section 2. Section 20-1-79 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

(a) No person shall manufacture, mix, compound, sell, trade, or offer for sale or trade for human consumption any corn masa or corn masa product in this state unless the following ingredients are contained in each pound thereof:

(1) For corn masa, not less than 0.7 milligrams of folic acid.

(2) For corn masa products, not less than 0.4 milligrams of folic acid.

(b) This section shall not apply to either of the following:

(1) Corn masa or corn masa products made by or supplied to a cottage food production operation.

(2) Corn masa or corn masa products offered for sale by a grocery store.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on June 1, 2026.