

NY House Committee Votes for GMO Labeling Bill

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A bill that would require labels on food products containing ingredients from genetically modified crops has passed a hurdle in the New York Assembly.

The measure was endorsed Tuesday by the Assembly's Consumer Affairs and Protection Committee. A vote of the full Assembly has not been scheduled.

Supporters say labels would inform the public. Many agricultural and food companies disagree, however, noting that there's no scientific evidence that genetically engineered food is harmful.

The bill would apply to genetically modified fruits, vegetables and processed foods as well as items that contain ingredients like oil or sugar that are derived from genetically engineered crops.

Vermont has already adopted a labeling law. Maine and Connecticut have too, but the requirement in those states won't take effect until other states follow suit.

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