

New York GMO Labeling Bill Passes Legislative Hurdle

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A proposal to require labels on food products containing ingredients from genetically modified crops is inching closer to a vote in the New York Legislature.

The labeling legislation was endorsed Tuesday by the state Assembly's Committee on Codes, a key panel that often signs off on bills before they proceed to a vote of the full House.

Proponents say labels would inform consumers. Many agricultural and food companies disagree, noting that there's no evidence to suggest genetically engineered food is harmful.

The bill would apply to genetically modified fruits and vegetables and products containing 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 their requirements won't take effect until other states follow suit.

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