



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB4856

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Fur Labeling Act. Provides that no person shall sell or offer or display for sale a fur product, regardless of the price of the fur product or the amount or value of the animal fur, without having attached and conspicuously displayed a tag or label including the names of the animals that produced the animal fur and the name of the country of origin of any imported animal furs used in the fur product. Contains provisions regarding: labeling; penalties; preemption; and other matters. Effective 90 days after becoming law.

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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Fur  
5 Labeling Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Animal fur" means animal skin or a part thereof with hair,  
8 fleece, or fur fibers attached thereto, either in its raw or  
9 processed state.

10 "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
11 joint venture, association, limited liability company, estate,  
12 trust receiver, or syndicate.

13 "Fur product" means a coat, jacket, garment, or other  
14 wearing apparel made wholly or partially of animal fur.

15 Section 10. Prohibitions.

16 (a) No person shall sell or offer or display for sale any  
17 fur product, regardless of the price of the fur product or the  
18 amount or value of the animal fur contained therein, without  
19 having attached thereto and conspicuously displayed a tag or  
20 label including the following:

21 (1) the name or names (as set forth in the Federal Fur  
22 Products Name Guide) of the animal or animals that produced

1 the animal fur; and

2 (2) the name of the country of origin of any imported  
3 animal furs used in the fur product.

4 (b) Labeling of articles of clothing pursuant to this  
5 Section may be accomplished by adding the required disclosures  
6 to the permanent tag attached to the clothing, to the temporary  
7 tag used by the merchant to identify the merchandise, or by  
8 affixing, in a conspicuous place, a sticker listing the  
9 required disclosures to the article of clothing itself.

10 Section 15. Penalty. A violation of this Act is a petty  
11 offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 for the  
12 first violation and not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent  
13 violation. Each fur product that is not labeled pursuant to  
14 this Act constitutes a separate violation.

15 Section 20. Preemption. Nothing in this Act shall be  
16 construed to preempt any provision of federal law or any other  
17 statute that prohibits or restricts the sale of fur products.  
18 If any provision of this Act or its application to any person  
19 or circumstance is held to be preempted by federal law, the  
20 preemption shall not affect other provisions or applications of  
21 this Act that can be given effect.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect 90 days  
23 after becoming law.