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FORD MOVES TRANS FAT DISCLOSURE BILL OUT OF COMMITTEE

Bill Focuses on Helping Restaurant Patrons Eat Healthier

SPRINGFIELD – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) announced Wednesday that a bill he is sponsoring to require certain restaurants to inform their customers about the presence of trans fatty acids (or trans fats) in their meals passed the House Committee on Consumer Protection.

“Trans fats have been described by health experts as a poison and we need to raise public awareness of their widespread use,” Ford said. “When people go out to eat, they aren’t always thinking about what’s healthy for them. This bill will keep the public more informed and help them make healthier decisions.”

House Bill 1297 will require restaurants and similar retail establishments that have more than \$20 million dollars in Illinois annual gross sales to mark foods on their menus that contain 0.5 grams or more of trans fat. The legislation would not ban or otherwise regulate the usage of trans fats.

In 2006, the federal Food and Drug Administration completed their phased labeling

For more information on House Bill 1297, contact Rep. Ford’s district office at (773) 378-5902.

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