

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6653

To prohibit the Federal procurement of food that contain certain color additives and prioritize the procurement of products not containing any color additives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To prohibit the Federal procurement of food that contain certain color additives and prioritize the procurement of products not containing any color additives.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dye Free Procurement
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL PROCUREMENT OF**
2 **FOOD CONTAINING CERTAIN COLOR ADDI-**
3 **TIVES; PRIORITIZATION OF FOOD NOT CON-**
4 **TAINING ANY COLOR ADDITIVE.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The head of an executive agency
6 may not renew or enter into a contract for the procure-
7 ment of food that contains a covered color additive.

8 (b) PRIORITY PROCUREMENT OF FOOD THAT CON-
9 TAINS A COLOR ADDITIVE.—The head of an executive
10 agency shall prioritize the procurement of food, where
11 available and practicable, that does not contain any color
12 additives.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) COLOR ADDITIVE.—The term “color addi-
15 tive” has the meaning given such term in section
16 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
17 (21 U.S.C. 301).

18 (2) COVERED COLOR ADDITIVE.—The term
19 “covered color additive” means each of the following
20 color additives:

21 (A) Red No. 40.

22 (B) Yellow No. 5.

23 (C) Yellow No. 6.

24 (D) Green No. 3.

25 (E) Blue No.1.

26 (F) Blue No.2.

1 (G) Citrus Red No.2.

2 (H) Orange B.

3 (3) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
4 agency” has the meaning given the term in section
5 133 of title 41, United States Code.

6 (4) FOOD.—The term “food” has the meaning
7 given such term in section 201 of the Federal Food,
8 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301).

9 (d) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall take effect 6
10 months after the date of the enactment of this Act and
11 shall apply with respect to any contract entered into on
12 and after such effective date.

○