

Senator Tuberville's Honey Integrity Act

Summary:

1. "The Secretary" throughout the text refers to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the FDA Commissioner.
2. Requires the Secretary to establish a standard identity for honey.
3. Requires the Secretary to submit a report to Congress within two years on enforcement actions of adulterated and misbranded honey.
4. Directs the Secretary to establish the "Honey Integrity Program", to detect adulterated honey in interstate commerce.
 1. Within 180 days, the Secretary shall require that each qualifying commercial honey packer in the United States test and certify that their honey is not an adulterated product.
 2. Requires the Secretary to publish and update and distribute a list of qualifying commercial honey packers in the U.S.
5. When adulterated/misbranded honey is made known, FDA, shall test the honey and share relevant information with enforcement agencies at CBP, USDA, and the state and local level. The packer is to refuse receipt of the honey and report it within 24 hours to the Secretary and law enforcement.
6. Secretary shall consult with CBP and USDA to develop honey testing requirements and allows FDA to use their laboratories and resources (CBP and USDA) when they don't have the resources themselves.
7. The packers will pay appropriate fees for administering the Honey Integrity Program to the Secretary.