

CHAPTER 402

H.B. No. 2077

An Act relating to the registration of certain food manufacturers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 23a(3), Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (Article 4476-5, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

3. The term "manufacture" as used in this article shall mean the process of combining or purifying articles of food and packaging same for sale to the consumer, either by wholesale or retail. Any person, firm, or corporation who represents itself as responsible for the purity and the proper labeling of any article of food by placing or having placed its name and address upon the label of any food shall be deemed a manufacturer and shall be included within the meaning of this section. *A person, firm, or corporation who harvests, packages, washes, or ships raw fruits or vegetables is not included within the meaning of this section.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 24, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2077 on May 23, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 10, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985