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# H. R. 1178

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to add alpha-gal  
to the definition of “major food allergen”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RULLI, Mr. CLINE, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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add alpha-gal to the definition of “major food allergen”.

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 “Alpha-gal Allergen In-  
5       clusion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDING ALPHA-GAL TO DEFINITION OF “MAJOR**  
2 **FOOD ALLERGEN”.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(qq) of the Federal  
4 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(qq)) is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(3)(A) Galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose (com-  
7 monly known as ‘alpha-gal’).

8 “(B) For purposes of this subparagraph, the  
9 term ‘galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose’ includes—

10 “(i) ingredients derived from non-  
11 catarrhine primate mammals; and

12 “(ii) red algae in the order Gigartinales.

13 “(C) For purposes of this subparagraph, the  
14 term ‘galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose’ does not include  
15 mammal-derived ingredients for which the Secretary  
16 determines there is no galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose  
17 above an established, detectable limit (such as ingre-  
18 dients made from alpha-gal-knockout mammals).”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
20 subsection (a) shall apply beginning on the date that is  
21 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

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