

NYT: Senate's labeling bill allows companies to hide GMO information from consumers

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The Senate is expected to vote as early as Thursday on a bill that would require businesses to label [genetically modified foods](#).

The biggest problem with the Senate bill is that... it would allow food companies to put the information in electronic codes that consumers would have to scan with smartphones or at scanners installed by grocery stores. The only reason to do this would be to make the information less accessible to the public.

Another problem is that the bill might not cover some kinds of genetic engineering. The [Food and Drug Administration](#) warned that the bill “would result in a somewhat narrow scope of coverage” — for example, food that includes oil made from genetically engineered soybeans might not need to be labeled.

The bill's sponsors, however, contend that under the Department of Agriculture's analysis, the bill would require labeling of products that contain genetically engineered soybeans and refined oils. This lack of clarity is troubling, and certainly needs to be resolved.

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