

Kentucky Legislature Bills Relating to Food Products

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Submitted by House Representative Rita Smart to the 2011 Bluegrass Local Food Summit

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2009

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