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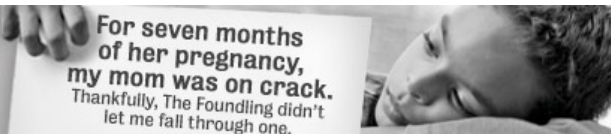
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Retailers Will Face Fines for Selling Unlabeled Fur

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A new state law cracking down on unlabeled fur goes into effect today, threatening retailers with \$500–\$1,000 fines if they fail to print "real fur" on relevant garment labels. The [Humane Society of the United States](#), which supported the legislation, says research has shown that a significant number of unlabeled jackets advertised as "faux fur" contain hair from raccoon dogs or domestic dogs. A loophole in federal law has allowed them to be listed as fake fur so long as they were under \$150 in value. Domestic dog fur cannot be sold under federal law, but raccoon dog fur, typically skinned in [China](#), is allowed. Legislation has been proposed to ban it as well.

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