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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: NONANIMAL & LAB-GROWN MEAT MISBRANDING

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure (minimal), State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires that food not derived from livestock or that is grown in a lab cannot be labeled as "meat". This minimally increases workload for the Department of Public Health and Environment beginning in FY 2019-20.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note is written to the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill expands the definition of misbranding to food that is labeled or packaged as "meat" that is:

- not primarily derived from livestock; or
derived from a process in which most of the cells were not grown in the physical body of living livestock unless it includes the term "lab-grown" or "artificially cultured" on the labeling or packaging.

State Expenditures

This bill will minimally increase workload for the Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability in the Department of Public Health and Environment beginning in FY 2019-20. The division will notify manufacturers of the labeling requirements of the bill and respond to inquiries from manufacturers, retailers, and consumers. The division will review labels as part of its manufactured and wholesale food inspection program to ensure compliance with the bill. The fiscal note assumes a high rate of compliance and that the workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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