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HOUSE BILL 20-1117

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Energy & Environment

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE MISBRANDING OF
102 FOOD, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROHIBITING FAILING
103 TO LABEL FOOD FROM ANIMALS NOT BORN, RAISED, AND
104 HARVESTED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES AS IMPORTED;
105 PROHIBITING LABELING FOOD THAT DOES NOT COME FROM
106 ANIMALS AS "MEAT" OR TERMS THAT DESCRIBE MEAT; AND
107 REQUIRING LABORATORY-GROWN MEAT LABELING TO DISPLAY
108 NOTICE OF ITS ORIGIN.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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Current law prohibits selling meat or meat products that are imported without the label indicating the fact of importation. The bill expands this to cover any meat derived from animals that were not born, raised, and harvested exclusively in the United States.

The bill provides that food is misbranded as "meat" or a cut of meat if it does not come from animals and that lab-grown meat is misbranded as "meat" or a cut of meat unless labeled as "lab-grown" or "artificially cultured".

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-5-411, **amend** (1)
3 introductory portion and (1)(n); and **add** (1)(q) as follows:

4 **25-5-411. Definitions of "misbranding".** (1) A food ~~shall be~~
5 ~~deemed to be~~ IS misbranded:

6 (n) (I) If it is meat imported from ~~without~~ OUTSIDE the boundaries
7 of the United States OR DERIVED FROM ANIMALS THAT WERE NOT BORN,
8 RAISED, AND HARVESTED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES or if it is
9 a meat product containing ~~such~~ THIS TYPE OF meat unless it bears labeling
10 stating ~~the fact~~ that it is imported meat or ~~that it~~ contains imported meat.

11 (II) Any person who sells or offers for sale in this state any meat
12 imported from ~~without~~ OUTSIDE the boundaries of the United States OR
13 DERIVED FROM ANIMALS THAT WERE NOT BORN, RAISED, AND HARVESTED
14 EXCLUSIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES or any meat product containing ~~such~~
15 ~~imported~~ THIS TYPE OF meat without labeling ~~such~~ THE meat or meat
16 product stating that it is imported MEAT or contains imported meat is
17 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished
18 by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand
19 dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days
20 nor more than ninety days, or by both ~~such~~ THE fine and imprisonment.

1 (q) IF THE LABELING OR PACKAGING DESCRIBES THE FOOD AS
2 "MEAT" OR A TERM USED TO DESCRIBE A CUT OF MEAT BY THE
3 INSTITUTIONAL MEAT PURCHASE SPECIFICATIONS MAINTAINED BY THE
4 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S AGRICULTURAL
5 MARKETING SERVICE AND:

6 (I) THE FOOD IS NOT PRIMARILY AND PHYSICALLY DERIVED FROM
7 THE ACTUAL BODIES OF LIVESTOCK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 35-1-102; OR

8 (II) THE FOOD IS GROWN IN A LABORATORY OR ARTIFICIALLY
9 CULTURED AND THE LABELING OR PACKAGING DOES NOT USE THE TERM
10 "LAB-GROWN" OR "ARTIFICIALLY CULTURED" TO MODIFY THE TERMS
11 DESCRIBED IN THE INTRODUCTORY PORTION TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(q).

12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
13 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
14 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
15 general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,
16 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
17 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
18 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
19 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
20 to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the
21 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

22 (2) This act applies to food packaged for sale on or after the
23 applicable effective date of this act.