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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: MISBRANDING NONMEAT AND IMPORTED AND ARTIFICIAL MEAT

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

This bill expands the definition of misbranding of food to require that meat derived from animals that were not born, raised, and harvested exclusively in the United States to be labeled as imported. Meat that is not derived from actual livestock cannot be labeled as meat and must include labeling as to the process by which it was created. This will minimally increase state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, imported meat or meat products must be labeled to indicate that it is imported or it is considered to be misbranded. This bill expands the definition of misbranding to require that meat from animals that were not born, raised, and harvested exclusively in the United States be labeled as imported. In addition, food grown in a laboratory and not primarily and physically derived from the actual bodies of livestock cannot be labeled as meat and must be labeled as "lab-grown" or "artificially cultured", or be considered misbranded.

State Expenditures

This bill will minimally increase workload for the Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability (division) in the Department of Public Health and Environment beginning in FY 2020-21. 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 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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