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**HB 20-1117**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 20-0820  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Neville; Hooton

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**Bill Status:** Deemed Lost  
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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 would have expanded 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 could not have been labeled as meat and would have had to include labeling as to the process by which it was created. This would have minimally increased state workload on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation  
Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note  
Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

## 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 was deemed lost on June 16, 2020.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture

Information Technology

Public Health and Environment