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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A PROHIBITION ON CULTIVATED MEAT.**

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**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 <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill prohibits a person from selling, offering for sale, manufacturing, or distributing cultivated meat (prohibition), which is defined as a food product produced from animal cells that are grown in a laboratory setting in a controlled environment. A person that violates the prohibition is subject to certain civil penalties and commits a petty offense. The bill also allows the department of public health and environment or a county or district public health agency to suspend or revoke the license of a retail food establishment that violates the

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prohibition.

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

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and determines that:

4           (a) For generations, Colorado stock growers have raised  
5 high-quality meat products that feed families across the state and the  
6 nation;

7           (b) Livestock production is not just an industry in Colorado; it is  
8 a proud tradition woven into the very fabric of the state's history;

9           (c) Agriculture remains the lifeblood of rural Colorado, driving  
10 local economies while preserving a rich heritage that rural Coloradans  
11 embrace with pride; and

12           (d) This deep connection to the land and livestock defines the  
13 state's communities, ensuring that the legacy of Colorado agriculture  
14 continues to thrive.

15           (2) The general assembly therefore declares that a prohibition on  
16 the sale, manufacture, or distribution of cultivated meat in the state is  
17 necessary to preserve and protect the significant and rich legacy of  
18 agriculture and ranching in the state.

19           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-33-103, **amend**  
20 the introductory portion; and **add** (3.3) and (3.5) as follows:

21           **35-33-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 33, unless  
22 the context otherwise requires:

23           (3.3) "CULTIVATED MEAT" MEANS A FOOD PRODUCT PRODUCED  
24 FROM CULTURED ANIMAL CELLS.

25           (3.5) "CULTURED ANIMAL CELL" MEANS AN ANIMAL CELL THAT IS

1 GROWN IN A LABORATORY SETTING IN A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT.

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-33-104, **amend**  
3 (1) as follows:

4 **35-33-104. Commissioner of agriculture - powers and duties**  
5 **- rules.** (1) (a) The commissioner ~~is hereby authorized to~~ MAY formulate  
6 reasonable rules and standards of construction, labeling, operation, record  
7 keeping, and sanitation for all processing facilities and shall establish  
8 rules and standards pertaining to containers, packaging materials, mobile  
9 slaughter units, slaughter rooms, processing rooms, chill rooms, storage  
10 and locker rooms, sharp freezing facilities, and premises of processing  
11 facilities, with respect to the service of slaughtering, cutting, preparing,  
12 wrapping, and packaging meat and meat products necessary for the proper  
13 preservation of food.

14 (b) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT RULES NECESSARY TO  
15 ADMINISTER SECTION 35-33-106.5.

16 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 35-33-106.5 as  
17 follows:

18 **35-33-106.5. Prohibition on cultivated meat.** A PERSON SHALL  
19 NOT SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, MANUFACTURE, OR DISTRIBUTE CULTIVATED  
20 MEAT IN THE STATE.

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-33-107, **amend**  
22 (3), (4), and (6) introductory portion as follows:

23 **35-33-107. Exemptions.** (3) ~~Any~~ A person ~~who~~ THAT holds an  
24 establishment number issued by the United States department of  
25 agriculture for purposes of inspection and does not engage in the custom  
26 processing of meat animals ~~shall be~~ IS exempt from ~~the requirements of~~  
27 ~~this article~~ THIS ARTICLE 33, EXCEPT SECTION 35-33-106.5 PROHIBITING

1 CULTIVATED MEAT.

2 (4) ~~Any~~ A religious practice involving the ritual slaughter,  
3 handling, or preparation of meat animals is exempt from ~~the provisions~~  
4 ~~of this article~~ THIS ARTICLE 33, except section 35-33-203 governing  
5 methods of slaughter AND SECTION 35-33-106.5 PROHIBITING CULTIVATED  
6 MEAT.

7 (6) A producer ~~who~~ THAT raises and slaughters no more than one  
8 thousand poultry during each calendar year is exempt from ~~the provisions~~  
9 ~~of this article~~ THIS ARTICLE 33, other than THE CULTIVATED MEAT  
10 PROHIBITION IN SECTION 35-33-106.5, the record-keeping requirement in  
11 section 35-33-202, and the labeling requirements in section 35-33-301,  
12 if:

13 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-1611.5, **amend**  
14 (9)(a) as follows:

15 **25-4-1611.5. Violations - penalties - review.** (9) (a) The  
16 department or county or district public health agency may suspend or  
17 revoke a license or certificate of license for ~~any~~ A violation of:

18 (I) This part 16;

19 (II) ~~Any~~ A rule adopted pursuant to this part 16; ~~or~~

20 (III) ~~Any of the~~ THE terms, conditions, or provisions of the license  
21 or certificate of license in accordance with section 24-4-104; OR

22 (IV) SECTION 35-33-106.5.

23 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
24 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
25 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
26 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant  
27 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an

1 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
2 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
3 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take  
4 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the  
5 governor.

6 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable  
7 effective date of this act.