
DIGEST

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HB No. 828

Abstract: Requires disclosure of any food product derived from a cloned animal or the progeny of a cloned animal.

Proposed law defines "cloned animal" as an animal that is created from a somatic cell nuclear transfer event.

Proposed law defines "department" as the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH).

Proposed law defines "progeny of a cloned animal" as an animal derived from the sexual reproduction of a cloned animal with another cloned animal or an animal that is not cloned.

Proposed law requires any person that manufactures, processes, or prepares food intended for human consumption in this state that contains any product from a cloned animal or the progeny of a cloned animal to state on the label or packaging on the food, or by a sign if the food is not packaged, that the food contains product from a cloned animal or the progeny of a cloned animal.

Proposed law requires the lettering of the statement on the label, packaging, or sign to be displayed in a conspicuous and easily legible boldface print or type that is in clear contrast to other matter on the label, packaging, or sign.

Proposed law requires any person that sells or offers for sale a food intended for human consumption in this state that contains any product from a cloned animal or the progeny of a cloned animal to maintain a record of each purchase from a producer, distributor, manufacturer, processor, or packer.

Proposed law requires the records to include a bill of sale and any documents regarding the origin of the food that contains product from a cloned animal or the progeny of a cloned animal, to be kept for a period of two years after the date of sale of the food, and to be made available to DHH for inspection on request of the department.

The provisions of proposed law shall not apply to any food that is served, sold, or otherwise provided in any restaurant or other food service establishment that is primarily engaged in the sale of food prepared and intended for immediate human consumption.

Proposed law provides that any person violating the provisions of proposed law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 and each

such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Proposed law authorizes DHH to promulgate any administrative rules and regulations necessary for the administration of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 40:661-666)