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A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; defining cell-cultured meat and cell-cultured poultry; requiring food labels to identify a product containing cell-cultured meat or cell-cultured poultry; amending the definition of meat food product and poultry food product to include cell-cultured meat and cell-cultured poultry; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 31.01, by adding subdivisions; 31.12; 31.633; 31A.02, subdivision 10.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 33. **Cell-cultured meat.** "Cell-cultured meat" means a meat food product grown using animal cell technology that extracts a small number of cells from a living animal and grows the cells in a controlled environment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 34. **Cell-cultured poultry.** "Cell-cultured poultry" means a poultry food product grown using animal cell technology that extracts a small number of cells from a living animal and grows the cells in a controlled environment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.12, is amended to read:

31.12 LABELING.

For the purpose of preventing fraud and deception in the manufacture, use, sale, and transportation of food, or for the purpose of protecting and preserving the public health, it

shall be the duty of the commissioner, by ~~rulings~~ rules not inconsistent with law, to require that any article of food, or the package, receptacle, or container thereof, before it be sold, transported, used, offered for sale or transportation, or had in possession with intent to use, sell or transport within this state, shall be labeled, stamped, stenciled, marked, or branded in such manner as to plainly exhibit to the purchaser any or all of the following data or information:

(1) the percentages and true composition of such food article~~,~~;

(2) its quality, strength, and quantity~~,~~;

(3) the source of its manufacture or production or the person by or for whom the same is manufactured, produced, packed, or shipped; and

(4) if the product contains cell-cultured meat or cell-cultured poultry, then a statement that the food is cell-cultured meat or cell-cultured poultry.

The commissioner shall also have authority to prescribe by such ~~rulings~~ rules the date on which the same shall take effect and be in force, and also the form, size, style, and wording of, and the place, time, method, means and manner of use of all such labels, stamps, stencils, brands, and markings, which ~~rulings~~ rules shall be made in the manner provided by law. ~~Until such rulings are made and in effect the rulings heretofore made by the commissioner shall remain in full force and effect, except as otherwise prescribed by law.~~ Any person who shall fail to comply with such ~~ruling or rulings~~ rules shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.633, is amended to read:

31.633 MEAT OR POULTRY ~~SUBSTITUTES~~; INDICATION ON MENU~~; PENALTIES~~.

Subdivision 1. ~~**Menu requirement**~~ **Meat or poultry substitutes.** Any restaurant, eating place, or other establishment serving meat or poultry in any form to the public that has any filler or meat or poultry substitute added to it or incorporated in it, shall clearly and prominently indicate on its menu or bill of fare the meat entrees that contain filler or meat or poultry substitutes.

Subd. 3. **Cell-cultured meat or cell-cultured poultry.** Any restaurant, eating place, or other establishment serving cell-cultured meat or cell-cultured poultry to the public must clearly and prominently indicate on its menu or bill of fare the menu items that contain cell-cultured meat or cell-cultured poultry.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31A.02, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **Meat food product; poultry food product.** "Meat food product" or "poultry food product" means a product usable as human food and made wholly or in part from meat or poultry or a portion of the carcass of cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, wild game or fowl, farmed Cervidae, as defined in section 35.153, subdivision 3, llamas, as defined in section 17.455, subdivision 2, Ratitae, as defined in section 17.453, subdivision 3, or goats. Meat food product includes cell-cultured meat as defined in section 31.01, subdivision 33, and poultry food product includes cell-cultured poultry as defined in section 31.01, subdivision 34. "Meat food product" or "poultry food product" does not include products which contain meat, poultry, or other portions of the carcasses of cattle, sheep, swine, wild game or fowl, farmed Cervidae, llamas, Ratitae, or goats only in a relatively small proportion or that historically have not been considered by consumers as products of the meat food industry, and which are exempted from definition as a meat food product or poultry food product by the commissioner under the conditions the commissioner prescribes to assure that the meat or other portions of carcasses contained in the products are not adulterated and that the products are not represented as meat food products or poultry food products.

"Meat food product," as applied to products of equines, has a meaning comparable to that for cattle, sheep, swine, wild game or fowl, farmed Cervidae, llamas, Ratitae, and goats.