

Legislative Analysis



PROHIBIT LABELING LAB-GROWN MEAT SUBSTITUTES AS MEAT

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House Bill 4076 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Jerry Neyer
Committee: Agriculture
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4076 would amend the Food Law to prohibit labeling or identifying a laboratory-grown meat substitute as *meat*.

The Food Law now defines *meat* as the edible part of clean, sound striated muscle of cattle, swine, sheep, deer and other cervids, goat, turkey, duck, ratite (flightless birds such as emus), or chicken slaughtered in compliance with all applicable laws, with or without the accompanying and overlying fat, and sinew, nerve, gland, and blood vessels that normally accompany the muscle tissues and are not separated from it in the process of dressing. Meat does not include specified risk materials as defined in federal regulations.¹

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would add additional program responsibilities for MDARD, which would potentially require additional resources, including staffing. The amount of additional department cost cannot be readily estimated at this time.

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¹ See <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-9/chapter-III/subchapter-A/part-310/section-310.22>