



Defining "Meat": Introduced Laws Regulating Labeling

State	Act #	Introduction Date	Products Covered in Act	Penalty	Status of Bill
Alabama	SB 369	2-May-19	Meat, Meat Food Product, Poultry Food Product , "A food product that contains cultured animal tissue produced from animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived may not be labeled as meat or a meat food product."	The Commissioner may direct that such use be discontinued or withheld unless the marking, labeling or container is modified in such manner as he or she may prescribe so that it will not be false or misleading. If any person, firm, or corporation using or proposing to use the marking, labeling, or container does not accept the determination of the commissioner, such person, firm, or corporation may request a hearing before the commissioner, but the use of the marking, labeling or container shall, if the commissioner so directs, be discontinued or withheld pending hearing and final determination	Sine Die - Failed
Arizona	HB 2604	4-Mar-19	Meat "means the edible part of the muscle of cattle, sheep, swine, goats or equines which is skeletal or which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying and overlying fat, and the portions of bone, skin, sinew, nerve and blood vessels which normally accompany the muscle tissue and which are not separated from it in the process of dressing. It does not include the muscle found in the lips, snout or ears" Milk, Raw Milk		Sine Die - Failed
Arizona	HB 2044	16-Jan-20	Meat, Livestock, Poultry		Sine Die - Failed
Colorado	HB 19-1102	14-Jan-19	Meat, Livestock, Artificially Cultured		House Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services Postpone Indefinitely - Failed
Hawaii	SB 1425	24-Jan-19	Meat, Beef		Sine Die - Failed
Illinois	HB 2458	13-Feb-19	Meat, Meat Food Products, Poultry, Poultry Food Products		Re-referred to Rules Committee - Active
Illinois	HB 2556	13-Feb-19	Cell-cultured food product "(means food products derived from the cells of animals or poultry grown in laboratories from cell cultures.)" Poultry "(means domesticated birds or rabbits, or both, dead or alive, capable of being used for human food.)" Poultry products "(means the carcasses or parts of carcasses of poultry produced entirely or in substantial part from such poultry, including but not limited to such products cooked, pressed, smoked, dried, pickled, frozen, or similarly processed.)" Meat Food Product		Re-referred to the Rules Committee - Active
Indiana	HB 1414	14-Jan-19	Cultured in vitro "(in reference to a food product, means that the food product contains tissue created by causing animal cells to multiply outside the body of a living animal.)" Meat Products, Poultry Products, Milk, Milk Product		Sine Die - Failed

Indiana	HB 1350	14-Jan-20	Cultured in vitro "(in reference to a food product, means that the food product contains tissue created by causing animal cells to multiply outside the body of a living animal.)" Meat Products, Poultry Products, Milk, Milk Product		Passed Senate, returned to house - Active
Iowa	SB 404	27-Feb-19	Meat, Food Product	The Department shall establish, by rule, civil penalties for a violation of this chapter. The amount of civil penalty shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars. Each day the violation shall constitute a separate violation. Moneys collected in civil penalties by the department or the attorney general shall be deposited in the general fun of the state.	Sine Die - Failed
Kansas	HB 2437	13-Jan-20	Meat, Food Product, Labeling (Plant-based items that reference the following terms would need a disclaimer in equal font, style and size: beef, pork, poultry, chicken, turkey, lamb, goat, jerky, steak, hamburger, burger, ribs, roast, bacon, bratwurst, hot dog, ham, sausage, tenderloin, wings and breast.)		Died on Calendar - Bill Failed
Kentucky	HR 105	13-Feb-19	Beef, Pork, Chicken, Cell Cultured Meat		Sine Die - Failed
Maryland	SB 188	15-Jan-20	Meat, Food Product; ("a food is misbranded if it is offered for sale in the State with a label that identifies the product as a meat or a meat product and the product contains animal tissue cultured from animal cells outside the animal from which the tissue is derived or is made from plants or insects.")		Sine Die - Failed
Michigan	HB 4947	11-Sep-19	Meat Product		Referred to Ag Committee - Active
Mississippi	HB 793	1-Jan-19	Meat and Meat Food Products; "(A food product that contains cultured animal tissue produced from animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived shall not be labeled as meat or a meat food product. A plant-based or insect-based food product shall not be labeled as meat or a meat food product.)"	The Commissioner may direct that such product use be withheld unless the marking, labeling, or container is modified in such manner as he may prescribe so that it will not be false or misleading.	Died in Senate Committee - Failed
Mississippi	HB 657	16-Jan-19	Meat "(means any edible portion of livestock, poultry or captive cervid carcass or part thereof. The term does not mean any product that is not derived from the harvested production of livestock, poultry or captive cervid)" Meat product "(means anything containing meat intended for or capable of human consumption, which is derived in whole or in part, from livestock, poultry or captive cervids.)" Poultry "(means any domesticated bird intended for human consumption.)"	Any person who violates any provision of Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall be afforded the same remedies provided in Section 69-1-319 to correct the violation. However, if the person fails to correct the violation within the time prescribed, that person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and the commissioner, in addition to any other civil or criminal penalties imposed, may fine the violator not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.	Died in Senate Committee - Failed

Montana	SB 206	4-Feb-19	Meat "(means the edible flesh of livestock or poultry)" Poultry "(means any domesticated bird)"	A retailer or wholesaler of livestock or poultry products who knowingly or purposely offers those products for sale without ensuring that the products are accompanied by a placard in accordance with this part is subject to the following penalties: (a) a fine not to exceed \$100 for a first offense; (b) a fine not to exceed \$250 for a second offense; and (c) a fine not to exceed \$500 for a third or subsequent offense. A retailer or wholesaler of livestock or poultry products who knowingly removes a placard required by this part from those products is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.	Died in Standing Committee - Failed
Nebraska	LB 14	10-Jan-19	Livestock "(means cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds, including, but not limited to, ostrich and emu, llamas, alpaca, bison, elk, goats, horses, and rabbits raised in confinement for human consumption)" Meat "(means any edible portion of any livestock or poultry carcass or part thereof and does not include lab-grown or insect or plant-based food products)" Poultry "(means any domesticated bird, including, but not limited to, chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese raised in confinement for human consumption.)"	Any person who violates section 2 of this act shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.	Bill Withdrawn
New Mexico	HB 222	15-Jan-19	meat, poultry, meat or poultry product, harvested production livestock or poultry		Sine Die - Failed
Oklahoma	SB 1271	10-Jan-20	Beef, Beef Product Livestock, Pork		Sine Die - Failed
Oklahoma	HB 2052	4-Feb-19	Meat and Meat Food Products subject to Sections 6-181 through 6-196 of the Title.	The Board may direct that such use of a product is withheld from use.	Sine Die - Failed
Tennessee	SB 0003	5-Dec-18	Poultry, Meat: Prohibiting the "Misrepresenting as meat or poultry a product that is not removed from the carcass of slaughtered livestock or poultry."		Withdrawn
Tennessee	HB 1178	6-Feb-19	Poultry, Meat: "Prohibiting the "Misrepresenting as meat or poultry a product that is not removed from the carcass of slaughtered livestock or poultry."		Sine Die - Failed
Tennessee	SB 304	30-Jan-19	Poultry, Meat: Prohibiting the "Misrepresenting as meat or poultry a product that is not removed from the carcass of slaughtered livestock or poultry."		Sine Die - Failed

Texas	HB 3799	7-Mar-19	Beef "(means any edible portion of a formerly live and whole cattle carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means.)" Chicken "(means any edible portion of a formerly live and whole poultry carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means.)" Livestock "(means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and poultry.)" Meat "(means any edible portion of a livestock carcass that does not contain lab-grown, cell cultured, insect, or plant-based food products.)"		Sine Die - Failed
Texas	SB 2035	7-Mar-19	Beef "(means any edible portion of a formerly live and whole cattle carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means.)" Chicken "(means any edible portion of a formerly live and whole poultry carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means.)" Livestock "(means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and poultry.)" Meat "(means any edible portion of a livestock carcass that does not contain lab-grown, cell cultured, insect, or plant-based food products.)"		Sine Die - Failed
Texas	HB 2761	28-Feb-19	Beef & Pork Products: "A retailer of beef, pork, or a beef or pork product shall affix a label to the container of the product designating the country of origin of the beef or pork used to make the product. If unwrapped or unpackaged beef, pork, or a beef or pork product is displayed for sale, the display case or container in which the meat is displayed must be clearly labeled with the country of origin."	A retailer who violates Subsection (a) is liable to the state for a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day the violation continues. The attorney general may sue to collect the penalty and may recover reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining the penalty, including investigative costs, court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, witness fees, and deposition expenses.	Sine Die - Failed
United States	HR 4881	28-Oct-19	Meat, Poultry, Food Product "Notwithstanding the provision of section 403(c), any imitation meat food product, beef, or beef product shall be deemed to be misbranded unless its label bears, in type of uniform size and prominence, the word 'imitation' immediately before or after the name of the food and a statement that clearly indicates the product is not derived from or does not contain meat." "Real MEAT Act of 2019"		Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry - Active
United States	SB 1056	4-Apr-19	Meat, Poultry, Food Product "(means a cell-cultured food product derived from live- stock or poultry.)"		Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry - Active
United States	SB 3016	11-Dec-19	Beef or Beef Product "(means any food containing edible meat tissue from domesticated Bos indicus or Bos tarus cattle)" Imitation Beef Product, Meat, Meat Food Product. "Real MEAT Act of 2019"	Secretary transmits a notice of misbranded product within 60 days.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions - Active

Vermont	HB 233	14-Feb-19	Meat "(means the part of the muscle of any cattle, bison, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines which that is skeletal or which that is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart, or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying and overlying fat, and the portions of bone, skin, sinew, nerve, and blood vessels that normally accompany the muscle tissue and that does not include the muscle found in the lips, snout, or ears. "Meat" shall not mean cell-cultured meat.)" Meat Product, Poultry, Poultry Product		Sine Die - Failed
Vermont	SB 206	27-Dec-20	Meat "(means the part of the muscle of any cattle, bison, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines that is skeletal or that is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart, or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying and overlying fat, and the portions of bone, skin, sinew, blood vessels that normally accompany the muscle tissue and that does not include the muscle found in the lips, snouts, or ears.	Violations of this Act upon conviction shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both. For intend to defraud, the person shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than three years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.	Sine Die - Failed
Virginia	HB 2274	8-Jan-19	Food Product Labeling: A food shall be deemed to be misbranded [i]f its labeling is false or misleading in any particular, If any word, statement, or other information appearing on the label does not also appear on the outside container or wrapper, if present, of the retail package of such article, or is not easily legible through the outside container or wrapper.		Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources; Left in Committee - Failed
Washington	HB 1519	13-Jan-20	Cell Cultured Meat Product means any meat product artificially grown from cell cultures of animal muscle or organ tissue.	For the first violation, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor. For the second violation, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Civil penalties may also be imposed by the Director.	Sine Die - Failed
Washington	SB 6329	15-Jan-20	"A food is considered to be misbranded ... if it is a meat analogue and (a) its labeling or advertisement utilizes an identifiable meat term; and (b) the labeling or advertisement does not clearly indicate that the product does not contain meat from any animal by using one of more of the following words or phrases or a comparable qualifier including, but not limited to, plant-based, vegan, meatless, meat-free, vegetarian, veggie, made from plants, or veggie-based		Senate Rules "X" file - Failed
Washington	HB 2696	21-Feb-20	A food is considered to be misbranded ... if it is a meat analogue and (a) its labeling or advertisement utilizes an identifiable meat term; and (b) the labeling or advertisement does not clearly indicate that the product does not contain meat from any animal by using one of more of the following words or phrases or a comparable qualifier including, but not limited to, plant-based, vegan, meatless, meat-free, vegetarian, veggie, made from plants, or veggie-based		Sine Die - Failed

Wisconsin	SB 464	1-Apr-20	"Labeling of food product as meat"	Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1 - Active
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