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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to food products; to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution of food products made from cultured animal cells in this state; to provide penalties for violations; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "cultivated food product" means any food product produced from cultured animal cells.

(b) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, hold or offer for sale, or distribute any cultivated food product in this state.

(2) A violation of this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

(c) (1) A food sales establishment, as defined in Section 20-1-20, Code of Alabama 1975, that sells or distributes cultivated food products in violation of



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29 subsection (b) shall be subject to disciplinary action
30 pursuant to Section 20-1-34, Code of Alabama 1975.

31 (2) The food safety permit of a food sales
32 establishment may be suspended or revoked as provided in
33 Section 20-1-33, Code of Alabama 1975, upon the conviction of
34 an owner or an employee of the establishment for a violation
35 of subsection (b) in connection with the establishment.

36 (d) (1) A food establishment, as defined by rule of the
37 Department of Public Health, that sells or distributes
38 cultivated food products in violation of subsection (b) shall
39 be subject to all enforcement measures as provided by rule of
40 the Department of Public Health.

41 (2) The permit of a food establishment may be suspended
42 or revoked as provided by rule of the Department of Public
43 Health upon the conviction of an owner or an employee of the
44 establishment for a violation of subsection (b) in connection
45 with the establishment.

46 (e) The Department of Agriculture and Industries and
47 the Department of Public Health may adopt rules as necessary
48 to implement this section.

49 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed as
50 preventing any federal, state, or local governmental entity or
51 institution of higher education, or a person that is partnered
52 with a governmental entity or institution of higher education
53 as evidenced by a formal agreement, from conducting research
54 in this state regarding the production of cultivated food
55 products.

56 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose



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57 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of
58 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements
59 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of
60 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or
61 amends the definition of an existing crime.

62 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
63 1, 2024.

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66 Senate

67 Read for the first time and referred06-Feb-24
68 to the Senate committee on
69 Agriculture, Conservation, and
70 Forestry
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72 Read for the second time and placed14-Feb-24
73 on the calendar:
74 0 amendments
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76 Read for the third time and passed15-Feb-24
77 as amended
78 Yeas 32
79 Nays 0
80 Abstains 0

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Patrick Harris,
Secretary.