

**SB23 INTRODUCED**



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain food products are not permitted to be manufactured or sold within this state.

This bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution of meat produced from cultured animal cells within this state.

This bill would also provide criminal and administrative penalties for violations of this prohibition.

Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds from becoming effective with regard to a local governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote unless: it comes within one of a number of specified exceptions; it is approved by the affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to the entity for the purpose.

The purpose or effect of this bill would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of the section. However, the bill does not require approval of a local governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to become effective



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29 because it comes within one of the specified exceptions  
30 contained in the section.

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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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

44 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

53 (c) (1) A food sales establishment, as defined in  
54 Section 20-1-20, Code of Alabama 1975, that sells or  
55 distributes cultivated meat in violation of subsection (b)  
56 shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Section



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57 20-1-34, Code of Alabama 1975.

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

63 (d) (1) A food establishment, as defined by rule of the  
64 Department of Public Health, that sells or distributes  
65 cultivated meat in violation of subsection (b) shall be  
66 subject to all enforcement measures as provided by rule of the  
67 Department of Public Health.

68 (2) The permit of a food establishment may be suspended  
69 or revoked as provided by rule of the Department of Public  
70 Health upon the conviction of an owner or an employee of the  
71 establishment for a violation of subsection (b) in connection  
72 with the establishment.

73 (e) The Department of Agriculture and Industries and  
74 the Department of Public Health may adopt rules as necessary  
75 to implement this section.

76 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose  
77 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of  
78 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements  
79 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of  
80 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or  
81 amends the definition of an existing crime.

82 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
83 1, 2024.