

HOUSE BILL No. 1425

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 15-17; IC 35-52-15-9.5.

Synopsis: Lab grown meat labeling. Prohibits a person from intentionally misbranding a cultivated meat product as a meat product.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 15-17-2-22.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 22.5. "Cultivated meat product"**
4 **means animal protein grown in a laboratory from extracted animal**
5 **stem cells and arranged in a similar structure as animal tissues to**
6 **replicate the sensory and nutritional profiles of meat products.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 15-17-2-54, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
8 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 54. (a) "Meat food product" and "meat product"
10 means a product capable of use as human food that is made wholly or
11 in part from meat or other part of the carcass of:

- 12 (1) cattle;
- 13 (2) sheep;
- 14 (3) swine;
- 15 (4) equines;
- 16 (5) bison;
- 17 (6) farm raised cervidae;



- 1 (7) ratitae; or
 2 (8) goats.
 3 (b) The term does not include products that:
 4 (1) contain meat or other parts of such carcasses only in a
 5 relatively small proportion; or
 6 (2) historically have not been considered by consumers as
 7 products of the meat food industry and that are exempted from
 8 definition as a meat food product by the state veterinarian under
 9 conditions the state veterinarian prescribes to ensure that the meat
 10 or other parts of the carcass contained in the product are not
 11 adulterated and that the products are not represented as meat food
 12 products.
 13 **(c) The term does not include a cultivated meat product.**
 14 SECTION 3. IC 15-17-5-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 15 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 16 1, 2025]: **Sec. 6.5. (a) A person that labels meat products shall not**
 17 **knowingly and intentionally misbrand a cultivated meat product**
 18 **as a meat product.**
 19 **(b) A cultivated meat product is misbranded as a meat product**
 20 **if all of the following apply:**
 21 **(1) The cultivated meat product is advertised as a meat**
 22 **product but does not satisfy the definition of a meat product**
 23 **under IC 15-17-2-54.**
 24 **(2) The cultivated meat product is offered for sale or sold by**
 25 **an official establishment.**
 26 **(3) The cultivated meat product has a label that is:**
 27 **(A) part of the package;**
 28 **(B) placed on the package; or**
 29 **(C) placed on the container storing the cultivated meat**
 30 **product;**
 31 **and identifies the cultivated meat product as a meat product.**
 32 **(c) The board shall investigate complaints that a person:**
 33 **(1) offered for sale; or**
 34 **(2) sold;**
 35 **cultivated meat product misbranded as a meat product.**
 36 **(d) If the board has reasonable cause to believe that a person is**
 37 **violating subsection (a) the board may halt the person's sale of**
 38 **cultivated meat products.**
 39 **(e) Upon receiving an order to halt the sale of cultivated meat**
 40 **products, a person may not:**
 41 **(1) sell; or**
 42 **(2) offer to sell;**



1 the product in question until the board determines whether the
 2 product in question is a cultivated meat product misbranded as a
 3 meat product.

4 (f) The board may require the person to refrain from selling the
 5 product in question until the board's investigation is complete.

6 (g) If the board determines that a person:

7 (1) offered for sale; or

8 (2) sold;

9 a cultivated meat product misbranded as meat product, the board
 10 may require the person to dispose of the misbranded cultivated
 11 meat product in a manner other than by sale to purchasers in
 12 Indiana.

13 (h) The board department may impose a civil penalty of not
 14 more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) on a person
 15 that violates this section. Civil penalties collected under this section
 16 shall be deposited in the state general fund.

17 (i) A person who recklessly violates or fails to comply with this
 18 section commits a Class B misdemeanor.

19 (j) Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

20 (k) After notice and hearing in compliance with IC 4-21.5, the
 21 board may seek a court order to enjoin a person from labeling
 22 meat products if the person repeatedly and persistently fails to
 23 comply with this section and the rules adopted under this section.

24 (l) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out its
 25 responsibilities under this section.

26 SECTION 4. IC 35-52-15-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9.5. IC 15-17-5-6.5 defines a
 29 crime concerning misbranding cultivated meat products.

