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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 196, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the labeling of genetically modified food, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 196, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 196.1150, to read as follows:

196.1150. 1. Beginning September 1, 2015, all meat and fish produced in this state that is genetically modified and sold in this state for human consumption shall bear on its label a statement indicating that it is genetically modified.

2. For the purposes of this section, "genetically modified" shall mean any animal or fish whose genetic structure has been altered at the molecular level by means that are not possible under natural conditions or processes, including recombinant DNA and RNA techniques, cell fusion, gene deletion or doubling, introduction of exogenous genetic material, alteration of the position of a gene, or similar procedure. The progeny of a genetically modified animal or fish shall be considered genetically modified.

3. Violations of this section shall be a class C misdemeanor. Each transaction shall be considered a separate violation.

4. The penalty in this section shall not apply to animals or fish that have been raised without the knowing and intentional use of genetic modification. Animals or fish shall be deemed to comply with this section if the person otherwise responsible for complying with the requirements of this section obtains from whoever sold the animals or fish a sworn statement that the animals or fish have not been knowingly or intentionally genetically modified.

22 5. The department of agriculture may promulgate rules to
23 implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule,
24 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
25 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
26 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and,
27 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
28 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
29 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
30 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
31 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
32 adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

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