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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to civil actions; prohibiting actions against certain persons for weight

1.3gain as a result of consuming certain foods; proposing coding for new law in

1.4Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. **[604.191] PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FOOD CONSUMPTION**

1.7**ACT.**

1.8Subdivision 1. **Title.** This act may be cited as the Personal Responsibility in Food

1.9Consumption Act.

1.10Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section the following terms have

1.11the meanings given.

1.12(b) "Long-term consumption" means the cumulative effect of the consumption of

1.13food or nonalcoholic beverages, and not the effect of a single instance of consumption.

1.14(c) "Party" means an individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership,

1.15society, joint stock company, or any other entity, including any governmental entity.

1.16Subd. 3. **Immunity from civil liability.** A producer, grower, manufacturer, packer,

1.17distributor, carrier, holder, marketer, or seller of a food or nonalcoholic beverage intended

1.18for human consumption, or an association of one or more of such entities, must not be

1.19subject to civil liability based on any individual's or group of individuals' purchase or

1.20consumption of food or nonalcoholic beverages in cases where liability arises from weight

1.21gain, obesity, or a health condition associated with weight gain or obesity and resulting

1.22from the individual's or group of individuals' long-term purchase or consumption of a

1.23food or nonalcoholic beverage.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Actions permitted.** Subdivision 3 does not apply to a claim of weight
2.2 gain or obesity that is based on:

2.3 (1) a material violation of an adulteration or misbranding requirement prescribed
2.4 by state or federal statute, rule, or regulation and the claimed injury was proximately
2.5 caused by the violation; or

2.6 (2) any other material violation of federal or state law applicable to the
2.7 manufacturing, marketing, distribution, advertising, labeling, or sale of food, if the
2.8 violation is knowing and willful, and the claimed injury was proximately caused by the
2.9 violation.

2.10 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.11 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to any action
2.12 brought by any party on or after the effective date.