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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2808**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to food safety; requiring labeling of genetically engineered food;
1.3 providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 31.01,
1.4 by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.5 chapter 31.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 31.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 33. **Genetically engineered organism.** "Genetically engineered organism"
1.10 has the meaning given in section 18F.02, subdivision 5.

1.11 Sec. 2. [31.1215] **GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD.**

1.12 Subdivision 1. **Label required.** No person shall sell, distribute, or offer for sale a
1.13 food if it contains a genetically engineered organism, or was produced with a genetically
1.14 engineered organism, unless it bears a label that provides the following disclosure
1.15 notice in boldface print of not less than ten-point type: "THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS
1.16 A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISM, OR WAS PRODUCED WITH A
1.17 GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISM."

1.18 Subd. 2. **Classification.** A food shall be considered to have been produced with a
1.19 genetically engineered organism if:

1.20 (1) the organism from which the food is derived has been injected or has otherwise
1.21 been treated with a genetically engineered organism;

1.22 (2) the animal from which the food is derived has been fed a genetically engineered
1.23 organism; or

1.24 (3) the food contains an ingredient that is a food to which clause (1) or (2) applies.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** This section shall not apply to food served in restaurants or
2.2 other establishments where food is served for immediate human consumption.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Methodologies.** The commissioner shall establish methodologies
2.4 necessary for the purposes of this section, including the testing of food to determine the
2.5 presence of a genetically engineered organism.

2.6 Subd. 5. **Penalty.** A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for food sold, offered for sale, or
2.8 distributed after January 1, 2013.