

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

**S.F. No. 2563**

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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.

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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.