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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4144

02/22/2024 Authored by Franson, Schultz, Garofalo and Knudsen The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to food; regulating cell-cultured products and products derived from insect
1.3 protein; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 31.

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

1.5 Section 1. [31.641] CELL-CULTURED PRODUCTS; INSECT PROTEIN.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Short title. This section may be cited as the "G.R.O.S.S. Act."

1.7 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
1.8 meanings given.

1.9 (b) "Cell-cultured product" means a food product intended for human consumption and
1.10 derived by harvesting animal cells and artificially replicating those cells in a growth medium
1.11 in a laboratory to produce tissue.

1.12 (c) "Close proximity" means:

1.13 (1) immediately before or after the name of the product;

1.14 (2) in the line of the label immediately before or after the line containing the name of
1.15 the product; or

1.16 (3) within the same phrase or sentence containing the name of the product.

1.17 (d) "Insect product" means a food product intended for human consumption and derived
1.18 by combining processed insects with food additives to approximate the texture, flavor,
1.19 appearance, or other aesthetic qualities or the chemical characteristics of any specific type
1.20 of egg, egg product, fish, meat, meat product, poultry, or poultry product.

2.1 Subd. 3. Cell-cultured product labeling required. It is unlawful for any person to sell,  
2.2 offer or expose for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, a cell-cultured product at  
2.3 wholesale or retail unless the product label bears, in prominent type equal to or greater in  
2.4 size than the surrounding type and in close proximity to the name of the product, one of the  
2.5 following:

2.6 (1) "cell-cultured";

2.7 (2) "lab-grown"; or

2.8 (3) a similar qualifying term or disclaimer approved by the commissioner of agriculture  
2.9 and intended to clearly communicate to a consumer the contents of the product.

2.10 Subd. 4. Insect product labeling required. It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer  
2.11 or expose for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, an insect product at wholesale  
2.12 or retail unless:

2.13 (1) the product label bears, in prominent type equal to or greater in size than the  
2.14 surrounding type and in close proximity to the name of the product, the term insect protein  
2.15 or a similar qualifying term or disclaimer approved by the commissioner of agriculture and  
2.16 intended to clearly communicate to a consumer that the product is an insect product; and

2.17 (2) the ingredient list includes both the common and scientific name of each insect  
2.18 incorporated in the insect product.

2.19 Subd. 5. Grocery stores and other retailers. It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer  
2.20 or expose for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, a cell-cultured product or insect  
2.21 product at retail unless the products are:

2.22 (1) labeled as required in subdivision 3 or 4; and

2.23 (2) displayed separate from all other food and food products.

2.24 Subd. 6. Restaurants and similar establishments. It is unlawful for any person to sell,  
2.25 offer or expose for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, a cell-cultured product,  
2.26 an insect product, a food containing a cell-cultured product, or a food containing an insect  
2.27 product at a restaurant or other food service establishment unless these products are:

2.28 (1) clearly and prominently identified as such on the menu or bill of fare; and

2.29 (2) stored, cooked, and prepared separate from all other food or food products.