

**PRODUCT LABELING AMENDMENTS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Brian M. Greene**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies Title 36, Legislature, and Title 63I, Oversight, by providing for the appointment of legislative members to participate in multistate discussions involving agreements to label genetically modified food.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines the term "genetically modified food";
- ▶ provides for the appointment of legislators to discuss creating a multistate agreement to label genetically modified food;
- ▶ specifies the goals of an agreement;
- ▶ provides for a report on an agreement to label genetically modified food; and
- ▶ provides a repeal date.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the Legislature for fiscal year 2014-2015 only:
  - from the General Fund, \$15,000.

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:



28 **63I-1-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 288

29 ENACTS:

30 **36-12-21**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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32 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

33 Section 1. Section **36-12-21** is enacted to read:

34 **36-12-21. Development of proposed genetically modified food labeling agreement**

35 **-- Membership selection -- Agreements -- Goals -- Meetings -- Reports.**

36 (1) As used in this section, "genetically modified food" means food that is produced  
 37 from an organism that has had its genetic material modified in a way that does not occur  
 38 naturally.

39 (2) The speaker of the House shall appoint two members and the president of the  
 40 Senate shall appoint one member to ~~H→ [study and work]~~ **correspond and coordinate** ←H with  
 40a legislative members of other states for  
 41 the purpose of developing a multistate genetically modified food labeling agreement.

42 (3) The proposed multistate agreement shall have the following goals:

43 (a) to encourage domestic food production in the United States; ~~H→ [and]~~ ←H

44 (b) to ensure that consumers have accurate and essential information as they choose  
 45 food products for purchase ~~H→ [;]~~ **;and**

45a **(c) to not cause any unnecessary increase in the price of genetically modified food.** ←H

46 (4) Appointed members shall:

46a ~~H→~~ **(a) receive and consider input from:**

46b **(i) the public; and**

46c **(ii) representatives of industries that could be affected by a genetically modified**  
 46d **food labeling law;**

46e **(b) evaluate evidence-based data pertaining to genetically modified food;**

47 ~~[a)] (c) ←H~~ produce a report with recommendations regarding a multistate genetically  
 47a modified

48 food labeling agreement; and

49 ~~H→~~ ~~(b)] (d) ←H~~ present the report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and  
 49a Environment Interim

50 Committee on or before November 30, 2015.

51 (5) Salaries and expenses of the appointed members may be paid in accordance with

52 Section **36-2-2** and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislative Compensation.

53           (6) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff  
54 assistance to the appointed members as requested.

55           Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

56           **63I-1-236. Repeal dates, Title 36.**

57           (1) Section **36-12-20** is repealed June 30, 2018.

58           (2) Section **36-12-21** is repealed June 30, 2016.

59 [~~2~~] (3) Sections 36-26-101 through 36-26-104 are repealed December 31, 2017.

60 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

61 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
62 the fiscal year beginning July 2, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money  
63 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated out of funds or accounts indicated.

64 These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

65 Item 1 To Legislature - Senate

66 From General Fund, One-time \$5,000

67 Schedule of Programs:

68 Administration \$5,000

69 Item 2 To Legislature - House of Representatives

70 From General Fund, One-time \$10,000

71 Schedule of Programs:

72 Administration \$10,000

73 Section 4. **Effective date.**

74 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
75 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
76 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
77 the date of veto override.

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