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SENATE BILL NO. 2922

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-35-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A FOOD PRODUCT THAT CONTAINS CULTURED ANIMAL  
3 TISSUE PRODUCED FROM ANIMAL CELL CULTURES OUTSIDE OF THE ORGANISM  
4 FROM WHICH IT IS DERIVED SHALL NOT BE LABELED AS MEAT OR A MEAT  
5 FOOD PRODUCT; TO PROVIDE THAT A PLANT-BASED OR INSECT-BASED FOOD  
6 PRODUCT SHALL NOT BE LABELED AS A MEAT OR MEAT FOOD PRODUCT; AND  
7 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 75-35-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 75-35-15. (1) When any meat or meat food product has been  
12 inspected as hereinbefore provided and marked "Mississippi  
13 inspected and passed" or appropriate marking shall be placed or  
14 packed in any can, pot, tin, canvas, or other receptacle or  
15 covering in any establishment where inspection under the  
16 provisions of this chapter is maintained, the person, firm, or  
17 corporation preparing said product shall cause a label to be  
18 attached to said can, pot, tin, canvas, or other receptacle or  
19 covering, under supervision of an inspector, which label shall  
20 state that the contents thereof have been "Mississippi inspected



21 and passed" or appropriate marking under the provisions of this  
22 chapter, and no inspection and examination of meat or meat food  
23 products deposited or enclosed in cans, tins, pots, canvas, or  
24 other receptacle or covering in any establishment where inspection  
25 under the provisions of this chapter is maintained shall be deemed  
26 to be complete until such meat or meat food products have been  
27 sealed or enclosed in said can, tin, pot, canvas, or other  
28 receptacle or covering under the supervision of an inspector.

29 (2) All carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat and meat food  
30 products inspected at any establishment under the authority of  
31 this chapter and found to be not adulterated, shall at the time  
32 they leave the establishment bear, in distinctly legible form,  
33 directly thereon or on their containers, as the commissioner may  
34 require, the information required under paragraph (k) of Section  
35 75-35-3.

36 (3) The commissioner, whenever he determines such action is  
37 necessary for the protection of the public, may prescribe:

38 ( \* \* \*1a) The styles and sizes of type to be used with  
39 respect to material required to be incorporated in labeling to  
40 avoid false or misleading labeling of any products or animals  
41 subject to this article or Article 3 of this chapter; and

42 ( \* \* \*2b) Definitions and standards of identity or  
43 composition for items subject to this article and standards of  
44 fill of container for such products not inconsistent with any such  
45 standards established under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic



46 Act, or under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, and there shall be  
47 consultation between the commissioner and the Secretary of  
48 Agriculture of the United States prior to the issuance of such  
49 standards to avoid inconsistency between such standards and the  
50 federal standards.

51 (4) No item or product subject to this article shall be sold  
52 or offered for sale by any person, firm, or corporation, under any  
53 name or other marking or labeling which is false or misleading, or  
54 in any container of a misleading form or size, but established  
55 trade names and other marking and labeling and containers which  
56 are not false or misleading and which are approved by the  
57 commissioner, are permitted. A food product that contains  
58 cultured animal tissue produced from animal cell cultures outside  
59 of the organism from which it is derived shall not be labeled as  
60 meat or a meat food product. A plant-based or insect-based food  
61 product shall not be labeled as meat or a meat food product.

62 (5) If the commissioner has reason to believe that any  
63 marking or labeling or the size or form of any container in use or  
64 proposed for use with respect to any item subject to this article  
65 is false or misleading in any particular, he may direct that such  
66 use be withheld unless the marking, labeling, or container is  
67 modified in such manner as he may prescribe so that it will not be  
68 false or misleading. If the person, firm, or corporation using or  
69 proposing to use the marking, labeling or container does not  
70 accept the determination of the commissioner, such person, firm,



71 or corporation may request a hearing, but the use of the marking,  
72 labeling, or container shall, if the commissioner so directs, be  
73 withheld pending hearing and final determination by the  
74 commissioner. Any party aggrieved by such final determination  
75 may, within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of such final  
76 determination, effect an appeal therefrom to the chancery court of  
77 the county in which such party resides or in which the principal  
78 place of his business is domiciled; and, on appeal, such chancery  
79 court shall affirm, modify, or set aside the commissioner's final  
80 determination.

81         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
82 and after July 1, 2019.

