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To: Public Health and
Welfare; Judiciary, Division
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SENATE BILL NO. 2758

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURE, SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF
2 FOOD PRODUCTS PRODUCED FROM CULTURED ANIMAL CELLS; TO PROVIDE
3 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
4 AND COMMERCE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ADOPT RULES OR
5 REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) For the purposes of this section, the
9 term "cultivated food product" means any food product produced
10 from cultured animal cells.

11 (2) (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture,
12 sell, hold for sale, offer for sale or distribute any cultivated
13 food product in this state.

14 (b) Any person who violates this section shall be
15 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by
16 a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by
17 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three (3)
18 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

19 (3) (a) A retail food establishment, as defined in Section
20 69-1-18, that sells or distributes cultivated food products in



21 violation of this section shall be subject to disciplinary action
22 pursuant to Section 69-1-18.

23 (b) The license of a retail food establishment may be
24 suspended or revoked if found by the Commissioner of Agriculture
25 and Commerce to be in violation of this section, as provided in
26 Section 69-1-18.

27 (4) (a) A retail food establishment that sells or
28 distributes cultivated food products in violation of this section
29 shall be subject to all enforcement measures as provided by rule
30 or regulation of the State Department of Health.

31 (b) The permit of a retail food establishment may be
32 suspended or revoked as provided by rule or regulation of the
33 State Department of Health upon conviction of an owner or an
34 employee of the establishment for a violation of this section in
35 connection with the establishment.

36 (5) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the State
37 Department of Health may adopt rules or regulations as necessary
38 to implement this section.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2025.

