

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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HB92

"GMO Labeling"

Sectional Analysis

Section 1 of the bill requires labeling of food wholly or partially produced with genetic engineering. The section also contains certain exceptions to the labeling requirement, including genetically modified fish and fish products, which already have a labeling requirement, animals which only ingested or were injected with genetically engineered food or drugs, and food not knowingly or intentionally produced with genetically modified ingredients. Also exempt from labeling requirements are alcoholic beverages, food prepared and intended for immediate consumption, and medical food. The section then defines some of the terms used.

Section 2 of the bill adds a section to the ways in which food is considered misbranded, stating that failure to comply with GMO labeling would be considered misbranding.

Section 3 exempts retail sellers from compliance with labeling requirements unless the retailer produces or manufactures the food or markets the food under its own brand.

Section 4 adds definitions for genetically modified fish and fish product, as well as definitions for processed food and raw agricultural commodity.

Section 5 repeals previous provisions of the food misbranding statute.

Section 6 provides for an effective date of January 1, 2016.