



# Defining "Meat": Proposed Laws Regulating Labeling

State	Act #	Introduction Date	Products Covered in Act	Penalty	PDF Copy of Act	Status of Bill
United States	HR 4881	28-Oct-19	<p><b>'Beef' or 'beef product'</b> means any product containing edible meat tissue harvested in whole form from domesticated Bos indicus or Bos taurus D4 cattle.</p> <p><b>'Imitation meat food product'</b> is any product manufactured to appear as a meat food product or any food product which approximates the aesthetic qualities (primarily texture, flavor, and appearance) and/or chemical characteristics of specific types of meat but does not contain any meat, meat food product, or meat byproduct ingredients.</p> <p><b>'Meat' &amp; 'meat food product'</b> has meaning given in Federal Meat Inspection Act.</p>	Variety of administrative, civil and criminal penalties	<a href="https://legiscan.com/US/text/SB1056/id/1995732/US-Congress-2019-SB1056-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/US/text/SB1056/id/1995732/US-Congress-2019-SB1056-Introduced.pdf</a>	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
Alabama	SB 369	2-May-19	<p><b>Meat, Meat Food Product, Poultry Food Product,</b> "A food product that contains cultured animal tissue produced from animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived may not be labeled as meat or a meat food product."</p>	The Commissioner may direct that such use be discontinued or withheld unless the marking, labeling or container is modified in such manner as he or she may prescribe so that it will not be false or misleading. If any person, firm, or corporation using or proposing to use the marking, labeling, or container does not accept the determination of the commissioner, such person, firm, or corporation may request a hearing before the commissioner, but the use of the marking, labeling or container shall, if the commissioner so directs, be discontinued or withheld pending hearing and final determination	<a href="https://legiscan.com/AL/text/SB369/id/2009000/Alabama-2019-SB369-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/AL/text/SB369/id/2009000/Alabama-2019-SB369-Introduced.pdf</a>	Senate Adjourned Sine Die; Action for Further Consideration
Arizona	HB 2604	4-Mar-19	<p><b>Meat</b> "means the edible part of the muscle of cattle, sheep, swine, goats or equines which is skeletal or which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying and overlying fat, and the portions of bone, skin, sinew, nerve and blood vessels which normally accompany the muscle tissue and which are not separated from it in the process of dressing. It does not include the muscle found in the lips, snout or ears" <b>Milk, Raw Milk</b></p>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/AZ/text/HB2604/id/1936512/Arizona-2019-HB2604-Engrossed.html">https://legiscan.com/AZ/text/HB2604/id/1936512/Arizona-2019-HB2604-Engrossed.html</a>	House Adjourned Sine Die; motion to reconsider third reading
Colorado	HB 1102	14-Jan-19	<b>Meat, Livestock, Artificially Cultured</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/CO/text/HB1102/id/1848025/Colorado-2019-HB1102-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/CO/text/HB1102/id/1848025/Colorado-2019-HB1102-Introduced.pdf</a>	House Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services Postpone Indefinitely
Colorado	HB 1005	11-Apr-19	<b>Meat</b> , the bill asks the FDA for an expedited rule making requirement to inform consumers on accurate of cell-cultured food		<a href="https://legiscan.com/CO/text/HR1005/2019">https://legiscan.com/CO/text/HR1005/2019</a>	House: Engrossed, Signed by the Speaker of the House
Georgia	SB 211	27-Feb-19	<p><b>Beef, Pork, Lamb, Animal</b> "(means any animal, including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, fish, and poultry, including eggs, raised for the production of an edible product or products intended for human consumption. The term also includes 'game animals' as such term is defined in Code Section 27-1-2.)"</p>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/GA/text/SB211/id/1951867/Georgia-2019-SB211-Engrossed.pdf">https://legiscan.com/GA/text/SB211/id/1951867/Georgia-2019-SB211-Engrossed.pdf</a>	In Recess, House Second Readers



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Hawaii	SB 1425	24-Jan-19	Meat, Beef		<a href="https://legiscan.com/HI/text/SB1425/id/1869111/Hawaii-2019-SB1425-Introduced.html">https://legiscan.com/HI/text/SB1425/id/1869111/Hawaii-2019-SB1425-Introduced.html</a>	Senate Adjourned Sine Die; The committee on AEN deferred the measure.
Illinois	HB 2556	13-Feb-19	<b>Cell-cultured food product</b> "(means food products derived from the cells of animals or poultry grown in laboratories from cell cultures.)" <b>Poultry</b> "(means domesticated birds or rabbits, or both, dead or alive, capable of being used for human food.)" Poultry products "(means the carcasses or parts of carcasses of poultry produced entirely or in substantial part from such poultry, including but not limited to such products cooked, pressed, smoked, dried, pickled, frozen, or similarly processed.)" <b>Meat Food Product</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/IL/text/HB2556/id/1907380/Illinois-2019-HB2556-Introduced.html">https://legiscan.com/IL/text/HB2556/id/1907380/Illinois-2019-HB2556-Introduced.html</a>	Re-referred to the Rules Committee
Illinois	HB 2458	13-Feb-19	<b>Meat, Meat Food Products, Poultry, Poultry Food Products</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/IL/text/HB2458/id/1906434/Illinois-2019-HB2458-Introduced.html">https://legiscan.com/IL/text/HB2458/id/1906434/Illinois-2019-HB2458-Introduced.html</a>	Re-referred to the Rules Committee
Indiana	HB 1414	14-Jan-19	<b>Cultured in vitro</b> "(in reference to a food product, means that the food product contains tissue created by causing animal cells to multiply outside the body of a living animal.)" <b>Meat Products, Poultry Products, Milk, Milk Product</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/IN/text/HB1414/id/1848501/Indiana-2019-HB1414-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/IN/text/HB1414/id/1848501/Indiana-2019-HB1414-Introduced.pdf</a>	Referred to the Agriculture Committee
Iowa	SB 404	27-Feb-19	<b>Meat, Food Product</b>	The Department shall establish, by rule, civil penalties for a violation of this chapter. The amount of civil penalty shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars. Each day the violation shall constitute a separate violation. Moneys collected in civil penalties by the department or the attorney general shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.	<a href="https://legiscan.com/IA/text/SF404/id/1934993/Iowa-2019-SF404-Introduced.html">https://legiscan.com/IA/text/SF404/id/1934993/Iowa-2019-SF404-Introduced.html</a>	Senate in Recess; In subcommittee
Kentucky	HR 105	13-Feb-19	<b>Beef, Pork, Chicken, Cell Cultured Meat</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/KY/text/HR105/id/1907370/Kentucky-2019-HR105-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/KY/text/HR105/id/1907370/Kentucky-2019-HR105-Introduced.pdf</a>	House Adjourned Sine Die, 3rd Reading Adopted
Mississippi	HB 793	1-Jan-19	<b>Meat and Meat Food Products;</b> "(A food product that contains cultured animal tissue produced from animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived shall not be labeled as meat or a meat food product. A plant-based or insect-based food product shall not be labeled as meat or a meat food product.)"	The Commissioner may direct that such product use be withheld unless the marking, labeling, or container is modified in such manner as he may prescribe so that it will not be false or misleading.	<a href="https://legiscan.com/MS/text/HB793/id/1869911/Mississippi-2019-HB793-Engrossed.html">https://legiscan.com/MS/text/HB793/id/1869911/Mississippi-2019-HB793-Engrossed.html</a>	Died in Senate Committee
Mississippi	HB 657	16-Jan-19	<b>Meat</b> "(means any edible portion of livestock, poultry or captive cervid carcass or part thereof. The term does not mean any product that is not derived from the harvested production of livestock, poultry or captive cervid)" <b>Meat product</b> "(means anything containing meat intended for or capable of human consumption, which is derived in whole or in part, from livestock, poultry or captive cervids.)" <b>Poultry</b> "(means any domesticated bird intended for human consumption.)"	Any person who violates any provision of Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall be afforded the same remedies provided in Section 69-1-319 to correct the violation. However, if the person fails to correct the violation within the time prescribed, that person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and the commissioner, in addition to any other civil or criminal penalties imposed, may fine the violator not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.	<a href="https://legiscan.com/MS/text/HB657/id/1851977/Mississippi-2019-HB657-Introduced.html">https://legiscan.com/MS/text/HB657/id/1851977/Mississippi-2019-HB657-Introduced.html</a>	Died in Senate Committee



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Montana	SB 206	4-Feb-19	<b>Meat</b> "(means the edible flesh of livestock or poultry)" <b>Poultry</b> "(means any domesticated bird)"	A retailer or wholesaler of livestock or poultry products who knowingly or purposely offers those products for sale without ensuring that the products are accompanied by a placard in accordance with this part is subject to the following penalties: (a) a fine not to exceed \$100 for a first offense; (b) a fine not to exceed \$250 for a second offense; and (c) a fine not to exceed \$500 for a third or subsequent offense. A retailer or wholesaler of livestock or poultry products who knowingly removes a placard required by this part from those products is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.	<a href="https://legiscan.com/MT/text/SB206/id/1889887/Montana-2019-SB206-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/MT/text/SB206/id/1889887/Montana-2019-SB206-Introduced.pdf</a>	Died in Standing Committee
Nebraska	LB 14	10-Jan-19	<b>Livestock</b> "(means cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds, including, but not limited to, ostrich and emu, llamas, alpaca, bison, elk, goats, horses, and rabbits raised in confinement for human consumption)" <b>Meat</b> "(means any edible portion of any livestock or poultry carcass or part thereof and does not include lab-grown or insect or plant-based food products)" <b>Poultry</b> "(means any domesticated bird, including, but not limited to, chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese raised in confinement for human consumption.)"	Any person who violates section 2 of this act shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.	<a href="https://legiscan.com/NE/text/LB14/id/1843274/Nebraska-2019-LB14-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/NE/text/LB14/id/1843274/Nebraska-2019-LB14-Introduced.pdf</a>	Bill Withdrawn
New Mexico	HB 222	15-Jan-19	<b>meat, poultry, meat or poultry product, harvested production livestock or poultry</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/NM/text/HB222/id/1846760/New_Mexico-2019-HB222-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/NM/text/HB222/id/1846760/New_Mexico-2019-HB222-Introduced.pdf</a>	House Adjourned Sine Die, Action Postponed Indefinitely
Oklahoma	HB 2052	4-Feb-19	<b>Meat and Meat Food Products</b> subject to Sections 6-181 through 6-196 of the Title.	The Board may direct that such use of a product is withheld from use.	<a href="https://legiscan.com/OK/text/HB2052/id/1903110/Oklahoma-2019-HB2052-Amended.pdf">https://legiscan.com/OK/text/HB2052/id/1903110/Oklahoma-2019-HB2052-Amended.pdf</a>	House Adjourned Sine Die; passed House Agriculture Committee
Virginia	HB 2274	8-Jan-19	<b>Meat Food Product</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB2274/id/1838662/Virginia-2019-HB2274-Prefiled.html">https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB2274/id/1838662/Virginia-2019-HB2274-Prefiled.html</a>	House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
Tennessee	SB 0003	5-Dec-18	<b>Poultry, Meat</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/TN/text/SB0003/id/1828128/Tennessee-2019-SB0003-Draft.pdf">https://legiscan.com/TN/text/SB0003/id/1828128/Tennessee-2019-SB0003-Draft.pdf</a>	Withdrawn
Tennessee	HB 1178	6-Feb-19	<b>Poultry, Meat</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/TN/text/HB1178/id/1895109/Tennessee-2019-HB1178-Draft.pdf">https://legiscan.com/TN/text/HB1178/id/1895109/Tennessee-2019-HB1178-Draft.pdf</a>	House in Recess, Taken off notice for cal in s/c Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee of Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Tennessee	SB 304	30-Jan-19	<b>Poultry, Meat</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/TN/text/SB0304/id/1880576/Tennessee-2019-SB0304-Draft.pdf">https://legiscan.com/TN/text/SB0304/id/1880576/Tennessee-2019-SB0304-Draft.pdf</a>	Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate Energy, Ag., and Nat. Resources Committee
Texas	HB 2761	28-Feb-19	<b>Beef &amp; Pork Products</b>	A retailer who violates Subsection (a) is liable to the state for a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day the violation continues. The attorney general may sue to collect the penalty and may recover reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining the penalty, including investigative costs, court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, witness fees, and deposition expenses.	<a href="https://legiscan.com/TX/text/HB2761/id/1938584/Texas-2019-HB2761-Introduced.html">https://legiscan.com/TX/text/HB2761/id/1938584/Texas-2019-HB2761-Introduced.html</a>	House Adjourned Sine Die: Left pending in committee



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Texas	HB 3799	7-Mar-19	<b>Beef</b> "(means any edible portion of a formerly live and whole cattle carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means.)" <b>Chicken</b> "(means any edible portion of a formerly live and whole poultry carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means.)" <b>Livestock</b> "(means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and poultry.)" <b>Meat</b> "(means any edible portion of a livestock carcass that does not contain lab-grown, cell cultured, insect, or plant-based food products.)"		<a href="https://legiscan.com/TX/text/HB3799/id/1949163/Texas-2019-HB3799-Introduced.html">https://legiscan.com/TX/text/HB3799/id/1949163/Texas-2019-HB3799-Introduced.html</a>	House: left pending in committee
Texas	SB 2035	7-Mar-19	<b>Beef</b> "(means any edible portion of a formerly live and whole cattle carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means.)" <b>Chicken</b> "(means any edible portion of a formerly live and whole poultry carcass, not derived by synthetic or artificial means.)" <b>Livestock</b> "(means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and poultry.)" <b>Meat</b> "(means any edible portion of a livestock carcass that does not contain lab-grown, cell cultured, insect, or plant-based food products.)"		<a href="https://legiscan.com/TX/text/SB2035/id/1951037/Texas-2019-SB2035-Introduced.html">https://legiscan.com/TX/text/SB2035/id/1951037/Texas-2019-SB2035-Introduced.html</a>	Senate: referred to the banking & commerce committee
Vermont	HB 233	14-Feb-19	<b>Meat</b> "(means the part of the muscle of any cattle, bison, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines which that is skeletal or which that is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart, or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying and overlying fat, and the portions of bone, skin, sinew, nerve, and blood vessels that normally accompany the muscle tissue and that does not include the muscle found in the lips, snout, or ears. "Meat" shall not mean cell-cultured meat.)" <b>Meat Product, Poultry, Poultry Product</b>		<a href="https://legiscan.com/VT/text/H0233/id/1906469/Vermont-2019-H0233-Introduced.pdf">https://legiscan.com/VT/text/H0233/id/1906469/Vermont-2019-H0233-Introduced.pdf</a>	House in recess; HB 233 introduced
Virginia	HB 2274	8-Jan-19			<a href="https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+ful+HB2274">https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+ful+HB2274</a>	House: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources