

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1126

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8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to public health and safety; defining
10 terms; prohibiting the misbranding of food;
11 prohibiting the distribution of, offer for sale, and
12 the selling of any falsely advertised or misbranded
13 food; providing when food is misbranded; providing
14 when a manufactured-protein food product is falsely
15 advertised; requiring the State Department of Health
16 to investigate all credible claims of misbranded or
17 falsely advertised food; providing punishment for
18 violation; providing for revocation of certain
19 licenses for violation; providing the State
20 Department of Health certain rulemaking authority;
21 providing for codification; and providing an
22 effective date.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1150 of Title 63, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this act:

1 1. "Agricultural food animal" means any domesticated animal
2 belonging to the bovine, caprine, ovine, or porcine species, or any
3 domesticated chicken or turkey;

4 2. "Cultivated-protein food product" means a food product
5 having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue
6 originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of
7 being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing
8 cells or nonanimal sources, including processes in which one or more
9 stem cells are initially isolated from an agricultural food animal,
10 are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated, as part of a
11 manufacturing operation;

12 3. "Identifying meat term" means any word or phrase that
13 states, indicates, suggests, or describes a meat product and
14 includes any:

15 a. common name for the species of the agricultural food
16 animal subject to slaughter and processing, including
17 calf, chicken, cow, goat, hog, kid, lamb, pig,
18 poultry, sheep, or turkey,

19 b. any characteristic of a species of the agricultural
20 food animal subject to slaughter and processing,
21 including beef, broiler, cabrito, chevon, fryer, lamb,
22 mutton, pork, poulet, veal, or yearling, and

23 c. common name used to describe a major cut of a meat of
24 an agricultural food animal slaughtered and processed,

1 including a major meat cut or any other common name
2 that a reasonable purchaser would immediately and
3 exclusively associate with a meat product prepared for
4 sale in normal commercial channels, including bacon,
5 bologna, bone, brat, bratwurst, brisket, burger, butt,
6 chop, chuck, cold cut, cutlet, filet, flat iron,
7 frank, frankfurter, ham, hamburger, hock, hot dog,
8 jerky, liverwurst, loin, London broil, lunch meat, New
9 York strip, pepperoni, porterhouse, rib, ribeye,
10 roast, salami, sausage, shank, sirloin, sparerib,
11 tenderloin, or any comparable word or phrase;

12 4. "Insect-protein food product" means a food product having
13 one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue
14 originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of
15 being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing
16 insect parts;

17 5. "Manufactured-protein food product" means a cultivated
18 protein food product, insect-protein food product, or plant-protein
19 food product containing more than a trace amount of plant-protein
20 food products;

21 6. "Plant-protein food product" means a food product having one
22 or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue found in a
23 species of agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being
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1 derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing plant
2 parts; and

3 7. "Qualifying term" means a word, compound word, or phrase
4 that would clearly disclose to a reasonable purchaser of meat
5 products that a food product is not a meat product including cell-
6 cultivated, cell cultured, fake, grown in a lab, imitation, insect,
7 insect-based, insect protein, lab-created, lab-grown, meat-free,
8 meatless, plant, plant-based, vegan, vegetable, vegetarian, veggie,
9 or any comparable word or phrase.

10 B. No person shall falsely advertise or misbrand any food or
11 distribute, offer for sale, or sell any misbranded food.

12 C. A food shall be deemed to be falsely advertised or
13 misbranded if:

14 1. For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled
15 with an identifying meat term, such manufactured-protein food
16 product is not labeled with a conspicuous and prominent qualifying
17 term in close proximity to the identifying meat term; or

18 2. For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled
19 with an identifying meat term and offered for sale at a food
20 establishment, such manufactured-protein food product is not labeled
21 in a manner that is clearly and distinctly separate from any product
22 that is made from tissue originating from any agricultural food
23 animal.

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1 D. A manufactured-protein food product is falsely advertised or
2 misbranded if:

3 1. All labeling or advertising for such manufactured-protein
4 food product that lists an identifying meat term does not include a
5 conspicuous and prominent qualifying term in close proximity to the
6 identifying meat term; or

7 2. For any manufactured-protein food product that is offered
8 for sale at a food establishment, such manufactured-protein food
9 product is not stored in a manner that:

10 a. keeps such product separate from tissue originating
11 from agricultural food animals, and

12 b. uses distinctive shelf tags or other posted
13 representations to identify and distinguish such
14 manufactured-protein food product from tissue
15 originating from agricultural food animals.

16 E. The State Department of Health shall investigate all
17 credible complaints that food products are falsely advertised or
18 misbranded as meat products.

19 F. Any person who violates the provisions of this act shall,
20 upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

21 G. 1. A seller of food under Sections 1-1118, 1-1118.1, and 1-
22 1119 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes that violates this shall
23 be subject to all enforcement measures as provided by rule of the
24 State Department of Health.

1 2. The license of a seller of food may be suspended or revoked,
2 as provided by rule of the State Department of Health upon the
3 conviction of an owner or an employee of the licensed seller of food
4 for a violation of this act.

5 H. The State Department of Health may adopt rules as necessary
6 to implement this section.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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