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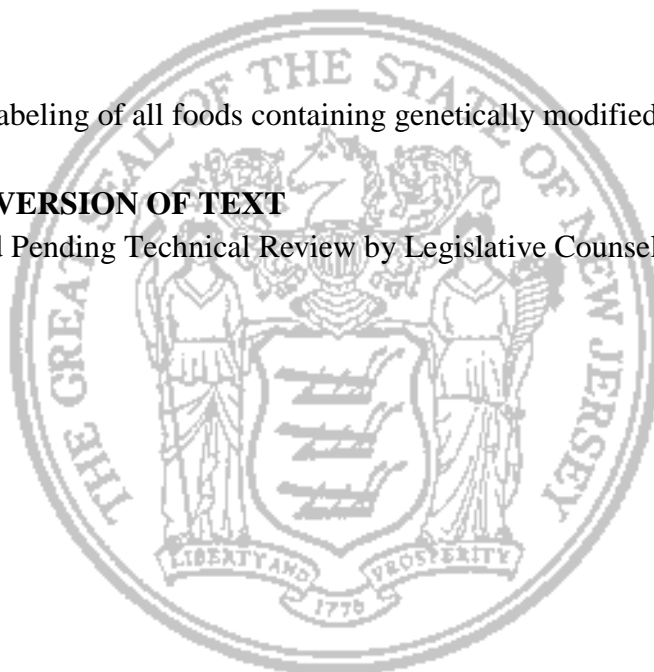
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SYNOPSIS

Requires labeling of all foods containing genetically modified material.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT requiring labeling of all foods that contain genetically
2 modified material and supplementing Title 24 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. As used in this act:

9 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health and Senior
10 Services.

11 "Department" means the Department of Health and Senior
12 Services.

13 "Food" means: (1) any food product or article of food that is
14 consumable by a human or an animal, and (2) any item or substance
15 that is intended for use as a food ingredient. "Food" shall include
16 chewing gum.

17 "Genetically modified food product" means a food that is
18 composed of more than one percent of genetically modified
19 material, as determined in accordance with the standards of
20 measurement and quantification procedures established by the
21 department pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of this act.

22 "Genetically modified material" means any substance that has
23 been produced, enhanced, or otherwise modified through the use of
24 recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid technology, genetic
25 engineering, or bioengineering.

26 "Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic matter
27 that appears on a food or on a food's immediate wrapper, container,
28 or package, or that otherwise accompanies a food at the time of its
29 distribution or sale.

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31 2. a. Every genetically modified food product that is offered for
32 sale in this State shall contain a label indicating that the product
33 contains genetically modified material. The information shall be
34 displayed in a manner that is conspicuous and easily understandable
35 to consumers.

36 b. (1) Any genetically modified food product that is not labeled
37 in accordance with is act shall be considered to be misbranded in
38 violation of the provisions of R.S.24:5-1 et seq. The commissioner
39 may order the correction of the label on any food that is determined
40 to be misbranded pursuant to this paragraph, and any such order
41 shall be complied with during the time specified thereby.

42 (2) The department may conduct any investigation it deems
43 necessary to verify the accuracy of any labeling or non-labeling of
44 food products pursuant to this act.

45 (3) Any person who misbrands a food as provided in this
46 subsection shall be liable for the following penalties:

47 a. For each first offense a penalty of \$200;

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1 third or subsequent offense. The bill provides that the Department
2 of Health is responsible for administering and enforcing the bill's
3 provisions.