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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Costa, Slater, Lima, and Ajello

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 21 of the General Laws entitled "FOOD AND DRUGS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 37

SALE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS NOTICE

21-37-1. Sale of genetically modified organisms. -- (a) Any retail business which sells food and food-related items as defined by § 44-18-7.1(l), which has gross annual sales of over five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) shall post a sign in a prominent location in all of its stores which states that: "Unless otherwise clearly indicated, all of our food products contain genetically modified organisms."

(b) The sign requirement contained in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to restaurants, take-out or fast-food establishments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all businesses that sell food and have gross annual sales of over
2 five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), with the exception of restaurants, to post signs that
3 informs their customers, that all the products they have offered for sale, contain genetically
4 modified organisms, unless there labels say otherwise.
5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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