AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Slater, Tanzi, and Lima

Date Introduced: January 20, 2016

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(i), 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 as set forth 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
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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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 inform their customers, that all the products they have offered for sale, contain genetically
4 modified organisms, unless their labels say otherwise.
5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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