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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

AN ACT

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:
- 2 amended by adding thereto the following enapter.
- 3 <u>CHAPTER 37</u>
 - SALE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS NOTICE
- 5 <u>21-37-1. Sale of genetically modified organisms. -- (a) Any retail business which sells</u>
- 6 food and food-related items as defined by § 44-18-7.1(1), which has gross annual sales of over
- 7 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) shall post a sign in a prominent location in all of its
- 8 stores which states that: "Unless otherwise clearly indicated, all of our food products contain
- 9 genetically modified organisms."
- 10 (b) The sign requirement contained in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
- 11 <u>restaurants, take-out or fast-food establishments.</u>
- 12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

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