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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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:

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

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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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. This act would take effect upon passage. 5

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