

HB 1653 -- INTEGRITY OF FOOD PRODUCTS

SPONSOR: Steinmeyer

This bill prohibits the manufacturing, processing, possessing for sale, offering for sale, or selling of any cell-cultured meat product, as defined in the bill, for human consumption.

The bill also specifies that a meat, poultry, fish or agricultural product is considered misbranded if it has been treated with, injected with, or otherwise exposed to any mRNA-based product or gene-therapy substance and is represented for human consumption unless the use of the mRNA-based product or gene-therapy substance is disclosed on the product label as required in the bill.

In addition to penalties currently in law, the bill authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to impose an additional administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for each violation of misbranding or sale of cell-cultured meat products.

This bill contains an emergency clause.