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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the use of a synthetic biological process to
2 manufacture a food product, and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 124A.1 Definitions.

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
3 requires:

4 1. "*Food product*" means any raw, cooked, or processed
5 edible substance identified as a cut of meat, poultry, or fish;
6 shelled aquatic item; milk or a dairy or milk product; egg;
7 honey; maple syrup; nut; or produce.

8 2. "*Synthetic biological process*" means the manufacture of a
9 substance at the molecular level that may include the design,
10 manipulation, and assembly of DNA sequences.

11 3. "*Synthetic food product*" means a human-developed version
12 of an animal or plant part capable of being processed into a
13 food product, if all of the following apply:

14 a. The version of the animal or plant part was manufactured
15 using a synthetic biological process.

16 b. The version of the animal or plant part could not have
17 been produced in the same manner in a noncontrolled environment
18 or by using historical agricultural or horticultural practices.

19 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 124A.2 Prohibition.

20 A person commits the offense of manufacture of a synthetic
21 food product by doing any of the following:

22 1. Intentionally manufacturing a synthetic food product for
23 sale to the public.

24 2. Intentionally acting with, entering into a common scheme
25 or design with, or conspiring with one or more other persons to
26 manufacture a synthetic food product for sale to the public.

27 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 124A.3 Penalty.

28 A person who commits the offense of manufacture of a
29 synthetic food product as provided in section 124.2 is guilty
30 of a series misdemeanor.

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EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill creates the criminal offense "manufacture of a
35 synthetic food product". A person commits the offense by

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1 intentionally manufacturing a synthetic food product for sale
2 to the public or intentionally acting with, entering into a
3 common scheme or design with, or conspiring with one or more
4 other persons to manufacture a synthetic food product for
5 sale to the public. A synthetic food product is a version of
6 an animal or plant part manufactured at the molecular level,
7 if the animal or plant part could not have been produced in
8 the same manner in a noncontrolled environment or by using
9 historical agricultural or horticultural practices. A person
10 who commits the offense is guilty of a series misdemeanor. A
11 serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
12 than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than
13 \$2,560.