

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There is a growing concern that food products for human consumption may come from sources that have been injected with mRNA technology. This technology is new, and long-term effects have not been studied.

This bill would require that all food products that are sold in this state that contain mRNA vaccine material include a clear and conspicuous label indicating the product contains mRNA vaccine material.

The bill would define mRNA vaccine material as "a substance included in a vaccine to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against disease by introducing messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) that corresponds to a viral protein."

This bill is not intended to prohibit or discourage the use of mRNA vaccine usage, but rather, to give consumers the ability to make informed purchasing decisions. Until long-term research has been conducted on the transmission of mRNA technology in food products and the benefits or risks of human consumption, informed consumer choice must be maintained.

C.S.S.B. 2632 amends current law relating to required labeling of food containing mRNA vaccine material.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in SECTION 3 of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 431.085, as follows:

Sec. 431.085. REQUIRED NOTICE ON FOOD CONTAINING MRNA VACCINE MATERIAL. (a) Defines "mRNA vaccine material."

(b) Prohibits a person from selling in this state food injected with an mRNA vaccine unless the food's label includes a clear and conspicuous notice that the food contains mRNA vaccine material.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 433, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 433.0415, as follows:

Sec. 433.0415. LABELING OF MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING MRNA VACCINE MATERIAL. (a) Defines "mRNA vaccine material."

(b) Prohibits a person from selling in this state a meat food product derived from livestock injected with an mRNA vaccine unless the product's label includes a clear and conspicuous notice that the product contains mRNA vaccine material.

SECTION 3. Requires the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

SECTION 4. Effective date: January 1, 2024.