

REFERENCE TITLE: cell-cultured animal product; prohibition

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HB 2121

Introduced by
Representatives Marshall: Bliss, Cook, Gillette, Hendrix

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 13, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING
ARTICLE 6; RELATING TO THE SALE OF MEAT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 3, chapter 13, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding article 6, to read:

4 ARTICLE 6. CELL-CULTURED ANIMAL PRODUCT

5 3-2201. Cell-cultured animal product; prohibition; civil
6 penalty; right of action; definition

7 A. A PERSON MAY NOT OFFER TO SELL, SELL OR PRODUCE A CELL-CULTURED
8 ANIMAL PRODUCT FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION.

9 B. THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN
10 \$25,000 AGAINST A PERSON THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION.

11 C. A PERSON OR ORGANIZATION WHOSE BUSINESS IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY
12 A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY FILE A CIVIL ACTION FOR DECLARATORY AND
13 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND ACTUAL DAMAGES AGAINST THE PERSON THAT VIOLATES THIS
14 SECTION. IF THE PLAINTIFF PREVAILS IN THIS ACTION, THE COURT SHALL AWARD:

- 15 1. REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.
- 16 2. THE ACTUAL DAMAGES INCURRED, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.

17 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CELL-CULTURED ANIMAL PRODUCT"
18 MEANS ANY CULTURED ANIMAL TISSUE THAT IS PRODUCED FROM IN VITRO ANIMAL
19 CELL CULTURES OUTSIDE OF THE ORGANISM FROM WHICH IT IS DERIVED.

20 Sec. 2. Legislative findings

21 The legislature finds:

22 1. The regulation of cell-cultured animal product is a matter of
23 statewide concern necessary to protect public health.

24 2. This state's cattle ranching industry is integral to this
25 state's history, culture, values and economy.

26 3. Cattle is one of the five foundational pillars that have driven
27 this state's economy since territorial days.

28 4. The production and sale of lab-grown, cell-cultured animal
29 product threatens to harm this state's trust land beneficiaries and the
30 highest and best use of state trust land, which includes the lease of
31 state lands to ranchers for livestock grazing to fund public schools and
32 other public institutions.

33 5. This act is necessary to protect this state's sovereign
34 interests, history, economy and food heritage.