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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ALFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fair and Accurate In-  
5 gredient Representation on Labels Act of 2024” or the  
6 “FAIR Labels Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to prevent food from being  
3 introduced or delivered into interstate commerce using a  
4 market name for meat or poultry products if the food does  
5 not meet the criterion set forth for meat products under  
6 the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)  
7 or poultry products under the Poultry Products Inspection  
8 Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.).

9 **SEC. 3. LABELING OF IMITATION MEAT AND POULTRY**  
10 **PRODUCTS.**

11 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

12 (1) IMITATION MEAT.—Section 1 of the Federal  
13 Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601) is amended by  
14 adding at the end the following:

15 “(x) IMITATION MEAT.—The term ‘imitation meat’  
16 means any food that—

17 “(1) uses a market name, descriptors, or ico-  
18 nography for, or is otherwise represented as, meat or  
19 meat food product, but does not contain meat, meat  
20 food product, or meat byproduct ingredients;

21 “(2) is manufactured to appear as a meat or  
22 meat food product, but does not contain meat, meat  
23 food product, or meat byproduct ingredients; or

24 “(3) approximates the aesthetic qualities (pri-  
25 marily texture, flavor, and appearance) or chemical  
26 characteristics of specific types of meat or meat food

1 product, but does not contain any meat, meat food  
2 product, or meat byproduct ingredients.”.

3 (2) POULTRY.—Section 4 of the Poultry Prod-  
4 ucts Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 453) is amended by  
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(cc) IMITATION POULTRY.—The term ‘imitation  
7 poultry’ means any food that—

8 “(1) uses a market name, descriptors, or ico-  
9 nography for, or is otherwise represented as, poultry  
10 or poultry product, but does not contain any poultry  
11 or poultry product;

12 “(2) is manufactured to appear as poultry or  
13 poultry product, but does not contain any poultry or  
14 poultry product; or

15 “(3) that approximates the aesthetic qualities  
16 (primarily texture, flavor, and appearance) or the  
17 chemical characteristics of specific types of poultry  
18 or poultry product, but does not contain any poultry  
19 or poultry product.”.

20 (b) LABELING.—

21 (1) MEAT.—Section 7 of the Federal Meat In-  
22 spection Act (21 U.S.C. 607) is amended by adding  
23 at the end the following:

24 “(g) IMITATION MEAT.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—No imitation meat product  
2 shall be sold or offered for sale in commerce by any  
3 person, firm, or corporation without clearly indi-  
4 cating in a prominent and conspicuous manner—

5           “(A)(i) the word ‘imitation’, in type of uni-  
6 form size and prominence, immediately adjacent  
7 to the name of the food on the label; or

8           “(ii) a statement that the imitation meat is  
9 derived from sources other than meat, in type  
10 of uniform size and prominence, immediately  
11 adjacent to the name of the food on the label;  
12 and

13           “(B) a disclaimer that clearly indicates  
14 that the imitation meat product is not derived  
15 from, or does not contain, meat, on the label.

16           “(2) NO EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary may not  
17 provide for any exceptions to the requirements under  
18 paragraph (1).”.

19           (2) POULTRY.—Section 8 of the Poultry Prod-  
20 ucts Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 457) is amended by  
21 adding at the end the following:

22           “(e) IMITATION POULTRY.—

23           “(1) IN GENERAL.—No imitation poultry shall  
24 be sold or offered for sale in commerce by any per-

1 son, firm, or corporation without clearly indicating  
2 in a prominent and conspicuous manner—

3 “(A)(i) the word ‘imitation’, in type of uni-  
4 form size and prominence, immediately adjacent  
5 to the name of the food on the label; or

6 “(ii) a statement that the imitation poultry  
7 product is derived from sources other than  
8 poultry, in type of uniform size and promi-  
9 nence, immediately adjacent to the name of the  
10 food on the label; and

11 “(B) a disclaimer that clearly indicates  
12 that the imitation poultry product is not derived  
13 from, or does not contain, poultry, on the label.

14 “(2) NO EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary may not  
15 provide for any exceptions to the requirements under  
16 paragraph (1).”.

17 **SEC. 4. CELL-CULTURED MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS.**

18 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

19 (1) MEAT.—Section 1 of the Federal Meat In-  
20 spection Act (21 U.S.C. 601) (as amended by sec-  
21 tion 3(a)(1)) is amended—

22 (A) in subsection (j), in the first sentence,  
23 by striking “any product” and inserting “any  
24 product, including a cell-cultured meat prod-  
25 uct,”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(y) CELL-CULTURED MEAT PRODUCT.—The term  
3 ‘cell-cultured meat product’ means any product capable of  
4 use as human food that—

5 “(1) is made wholly or in part from any cell  
6 culture or the DNA of an amenable species; and

7 “(2) is grown or cultivated outside of the live  
8 animal from which the cell culture or DNA was ac-  
9 quired.”.

10 (2) POULTRY.—Section 4 of the Poultry Prod-  
11 ucts Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 453) (as amended by  
12 section 3(a)(2)) is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (f), by striking “any  
14 product” and inserting “any product, including  
15 a cell-cultured poultry product,”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(dd) CELL-CULTURED POULTRY PRODUCT.—The  
18 term ‘cell-cultured poultry product’ means any product ca-  
19 pable of use as human food that—

20 “(1) is made wholly or in part from any cell  
21 culture or the DNA of a live bird; and

22 “(2) is grown or cultivated outside of the live  
23 bird from which the cell culture or DNA was ac-  
24 quired.”.

25 (b) LABELING.—

1           (1) MEAT.—Section 7 of the Federal Meat In-  
2           spection Act (21 U.S.C. 607) (as amended by sec-  
3           tion 3(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the  
4           following:

5           “(h) CELL-CULTURED MEAT PRODUCTS.—No cell-  
6           cultured meat product shall be sold or offered for sale in  
7           commerce by any person, firm, or corporation without  
8           clearly indicating in a prominent and conspicuous manner  
9           the words ‘cell-cultured’ or ‘lab-grown’, in type of uniform  
10          size and prominence, immediately adjacent to the name  
11          of the food on the label.”.

12          (2) POULTRY.—Section 8 of the Poultry Prod-  
13          ucts Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 457) (as amended by  
14          section 3(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the  
15          following:

16          “(f) CELL-CULTURED POULTRY PRODUCTS.—No  
17          cell-cultured poultry product shall be sold or offered for  
18          sale in commerce by any person, firm, or corporation with-  
19          out clearly indicating in a prominent and conspicuous  
20          manner the words ‘cell-cultured’ or ‘lab-grown’, in type of  
21          uniform size and prominence, immediately adjacent to the  
22          name of the food on the label.”.

23          (c) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section or the amend-  
24          ments made by this section prevents the Secretary of  
25          Health and Human Services, with respect to activities

1 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Health and  
2 Human Services, from—

3 (1) conducting premarket consultation proc-  
4 esses to evaluate production materials and processes  
5 and manufacturing controls, including oversight of  
6 tissue collection, cell lines and banks, and all compo-  
7 nents and inputs;

8 (2) overseeing initial cell collection and the de-  
9 velopment and maintenance of qualified cell banks;

10 (3) overseeing proliferation and differentiation  
11 of cells up to the time of harvest;

12 (4) ensuring that the appropriate entities com-  
13 ply with applicable requirements of the Food and  
14 Drug Administration, including facility registration,  
15 the current good manufacturing practices and pre-  
16 ventive controls regulation, and requirements appli-  
17 cable to substances that become a component of food  
18 or otherwise affect the characteristics of food;

19 (5) developing additional requirements for cell  
20 bank and cell culturing facility conditions and proc-  
21 esses to ensure that biological material exiting the  
22 culture process is safe; or

23 (6) conducting appropriate inspections and fol-  
24 low-up activities, including taking enforcement ac-  
25 tion if necessary, to ensure that cell bank and cell



- 1 culturing facilities are in compliance with applicable
- 2 laws (including regulations).