



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1045

LCO No. 3899

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section: (1) "Manufacturer" means any person, firm or corporation that
3 produces or grows food that is packaged for retail sale and contains
4 ingredient information on its labeling pursuant to federal law; (2)
5 "person" means any individual, partnership, firm, association, limited
6 liability company or corporation; (3) "genetically engineered" means
7 grown, manufactured, processed or otherwise produced or altered
8 with techniques that change the molecular or cell biology of an
9 organism by means or in a manner not possible under natural
10 conditions or processes, including, but not limited to, recombinant
11 DNA techniques, cell fusion, micro-encapsulation, macro-
12 encapsulation, gene deletion, gene doubling, introducing a foreign
13 gene and changing the positions of genes. Genetically engineered does
14 not mean breeding, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in-vitro
15 fertilization or tissue culture processes.

16 (b) Any manufacturer who includes any genetically engineered
17 ingredient in any food product shall list such ingredient as being

18 "genetically engineered" in the ingredient statement of the label
19 attached to such food product.

20 (c) All foods sold in violation of this section shall be deemed to be
21 misbranded under section 21a-102 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To better inform consumers of the content of the foods they consume.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]