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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT REQUIRING LABELING OF BABY FOOD AND INFANT FORMULA CONTAINING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "baby food" means a prepared solid food consisting of a soft
3 paste or an easily chewed food that is intended for consumption by
4 children two years of age or younger and is commercially available;
5 and "infant formula" means a milk-based or soy-based powder,
6 concentrated liquid or ready-to-feed substitute for human breast milk
7 that is intended for infant consumption and is commercially available.

8 (b) On and after July 1, 2017, any infant formula or baby food that is
9 partially or entirely produced with genetic engineering, as defined in
10 section 21a-92b of the general statutes, and is offered or intended for
11 retail sale in the state shall include labeling that states in a clear and
12 conspicuous manner, "produced with genetic engineering". Such
13 labeling shall be displayed in the same size and font as the ingredients
14 in the nutritional facts panel on the food label.

15 (c) Infant formula or baby food that is produced partially or entirely
16 with genetically engineered materials that does not display "produced
17 with genetic engineering" in a clear and conspicuous manner on its
18 labeling as provided in subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed
19 misbranded pursuant to section 21a-102 of the general statutes, except
20 that such infant formula or baby food shall not be considered
21 misbranded if it (1) is produced by a person who (A) was without
22 knowledge that such infant formula or baby food was created with
23 materials that were partially or entirely produced with genetic
24 engineering, and (B) obtains a sworn statement from the party that
25 sold such materials to such person that such materials have not been
26 knowingly genetically engineered and have not been knowingly
27 commingled with any genetically engineered materials; and (2) prior
28 to July 1, 2021, is subject to the labeling requirement of subsection (b)
29 of this section solely because it includes one or more materials
30 produced with genetic engineering that, in the aggregate, accounts for
31 nine-tenths of one per cent or less of the total weight of the infant
32 formula or baby food.

33 (d) The Department of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
34 the Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Environmental Protection
35 and Public Health, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
36 54 of the general statutes, necessary for the implementation and
37 enforcement of this section.

38 (e) A distributor or retailer that sells or advertises infant formula or
39 baby food that fails to conform to the labeling requirements in
40 subsection (b) of this section shall not be found liable or negligent in
41 any civil proceeding brought to enforce the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require infant formula and baby food that is partially or entirely produced with genetic engineering to be labelled as such.

[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.]