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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Food Labeling and Synthetic Bovine Growth Hormone Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of certain growth hormones in certain  
4 livestock; requiring food containing certain engineered or reengineered genetic  
5 material to be labeled with certain language; defining a certain term; and  
6 generally relating to food labeling and a prohibition of the use of synthetic  
7 bovine growth hormones.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Health - General  
10 Section 21-214  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Health - General**

16 21-214.

17 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "SYNTHETIC BGH" MEANS BOVINE SOMATOTROPIN BST,  
18 BST, BGH, OR BGH THAT HAS BEEN PRODUCED THROUGH RECOMBINANT DNA  
19 TECHNIQUES AND THAT IS INTENDED FOR USE IN BOVINE ANIMALS.

20 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT USE SYNTHETIC BGH OR ANY GROWTH HORMONE IN  
21 LIVESTOCK INTENDED FOR PRODUCTION OR USED TO PRODUCE MILK FOR SALE IN  
22 MARYLAND.

23 (C) FOOD CONTAINING ENGINEERED OR REENGINEERED GENETIC MATERIAL  
24 SHALL BE LABELED WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "THIS PRODUCT WAS MADE  
25 WITH ENGINEERED OR REENGINEERED GENETIC MATERIAL".

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 1999.