



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 124

SENATE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES ENGROSSED

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

Introduced by: **Senator Voita**

1 **An Act to temporarily prohibit the manufacture, sale, and distribution of any product**
 2 **containing cell-cultured protein, and to provide a penalty therefor.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-18:**

5 During the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031, a person may
 6 not sell, offer for sale, hold for sale, or distribute in this state any product containing cell-
 7 cultured protein.

8 Upon receipt of a complaint, the department must inspect any food service
 9 establishment, mobile food service establishment, or temporary food service
 10 establishment and, if a violation is found, issue a stop-sale order. Following a conviction
 11 under this section, the department must proceed in accordance with chapter 1-26 to
 12 suspend, revoke, or deny renewal of the establishment's license, as provided under §§ 34-
 13 18-27.1 and 34-18-27.3.

14 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

15 For purposes of this section, "cell-cultured protein" means a product that is
 16 produced for use as human food, made wholly or in part from any cell culture or DNA of
 17 a host animal, and grown or cultivated outside a live animal. Cell-cultured protein does
 18 not include proteins produced through microbial fermentation, enzymatic processing,
 19 traditional food cultures, or biotechnology processes used in the manufacturing of
 20 pharmaceuticals, biologics, vaccines, dietary supplements, enzymes, or medical products,
 21 provided those products are not intended to replicate meat or animal tissue for human
 22 consumption.

23 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 39-5:**

1 During the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031, a person may
2 not sell, manufacture, offer for sale, hold for sale, or distribute in this state any product
3 containing cell-cultured protein.

4 The Animal Industry Board shall enforce this section using its existing authority,
5 including by seizure and condemnation of products, as provided in § 39-5-38.

6 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor

7 For purposes of this section, "cell-cultured protein" means a product that is
8 produced for use as human food, made wholly or in part from any cell culture or DNA of
9 a host animal, and grown or cultivated outside a live animal. Cell-cultured protein does
10 not include proteins produced through microbial fermentation, enzymatic processing,
11 traditional food cultures, or biotechnology processes used in the manufacture of
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