

PRISON/JAIL POPULATION COST ESTIMATE STATEMENT
NINETY-SECOND SESSION
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SENATE BILL NO. 135

AN ACT TO REVISE CERTAIN MEAT LABELING REQUIREMENTS.

A prison/jail population cost estimate statement has been requested on SB135 due to creation of a Class 2 misdemeanor for failing to label beef or ground beef with a country of origin label.

SB 135 repeals SDCL 39-5-5 which currently requires any meat product from a foreign country be labeled with the country of origin. Selling or offering for sale any meat product in violation of SDCL 39-5-5 results in a Class 2 misdemeanor. In the past six years, there have been no arrests or convictions under SDCL 39-5-5, and because SB 135 applies to only beef or ground beef and not all meat products, a similar result could be expected under SB 135.

This Act describes a crime that if prosecuted could result in a jail sentence. However, a violation and prosecution is likely to be rare. Therefore the impact on jail populations is estimated to be low to none. There is no impact on prison populations.

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