

## SB23 INTRODUCED



1 SB23  
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3 By Senator Williams  
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, certain food products are  
6 not permitted to be manufactured or sold within this  
7 state.

8 This bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale,  
9 or distribution of meat produced from cultured animal  
10 cells within this state.

11 This bill would also provide criminal and  
12 administrative penalties for violations of this  
13 prohibition.

14 Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of  
15 2022, prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect  
16 would be to require a new or increased expenditure of  
17 local funds from becoming effective with regard to a  
18 local governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3  
19 vote unless: it comes within one of a number of  
20 specified exceptions; it is approved by the affected  
21 entity; or the Legislature appropriates funds, or  
22 provides a local source of revenue, to the entity for  
23 the purpose.

24 The purpose or effect of this bill would be to  
25 require a new or increased expenditure of local funds  
26 within the meaning of the section. However, the bill  
27 does not require approval of a local governmental  
28 entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to become effective



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because it comes within one of the specified exceptions  
contained in the section.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to food products; to prohibit the manufacture,  
sale, or distribution of meat made from cultured animal cells  
in this state; to provide penalties for violations; and in  
connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the  
requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds  
within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of  
Alabama of 2022.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
term "cultivated meat" means any meat or meat food product  
produced from cultured animal cells.

(b) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to  
manufacture, sell, hold or offer for sale, or distribute  
cultivated meat in this state.

(2) A violation of this subsection is a Class C  
misdemeanor.

(c) (1) A food sales establishment, as defined in  
Section 20-1-20, Code of Alabama 1975, that sells or  
distributes cultivated meat in violation of subsection (b)  
shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Section



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20-1-34, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) The food safety permit of a food sales establishment may be suspended or revoked as provided in Section 20-1-33, Code of Alabama 1975, upon the conviction of an owner or an employee of the establishment for a violation of subsection (b) in connection with the establishment.

(d) (1) A food establishment, as defined by rule of the Department of Public Health, that sells or distributes cultivated meat in violation of subsection (b) shall be subject to all enforcement measures as provided by rule of the Department of Public Health.

(2) The permit of a food establishment may be suspended or revoked as provided by rule of the Department of Public Health upon the conviction of an owner or an employee of the establishment for a violation of subsection (b) in connection with the establishment.

(e) The Department of Agriculture and Industries and the Department of Public Health may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an existing crime.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.