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AN ACT

To repeal sections 265.280, 265.283, and 265.286, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to labels indicating the origin of meat, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 265.280, 265.283, and 265.286, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 265.280, 265.283, 265.286, and 265.287, to read as follows:

265.280. As used in sections 265.280 to 265.289, the following terms mean:

(1) "**Domestic** fresh meat", any quarter, half, or whole carcass of beef, pork, or mutton, or any cut or portion thereof ~~[which]~~ that has not been canned or cooked **and no portion of which is imported from a foreign nation**;

(2) "**Domestic** ground meat", includes any meat subsequently ground or commingled ~~[and any]~~ but no portion of which is imported from a foreign nation;

(3) "**Imported fresh meat**", any quarter, half, or whole carcass of beef, pork, or mutton, or any cut or portion thereof, that has not been canned or cooked and any portion of which is imported from a foreign nation;

(4) "**Imported ground meat**", includes any meat subsequently ground or commingled and any portion of which is imported from a foreign nation;

(5) "**Missouri meat**", **domestic fresh meat or domestic ground meat derived exclusively from animals that are born, raised, slaughtered, and processed exclusively in this state**;

(6) "Person", any individual, firm, partnership, association, or corporation;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **[4] (7)** "Sales at retail", sales at any retail grocery store, butcher shop, delicatessen,
17 or other place where ~~fresh meat~~ **domestic fresh meat, domestic ground meat, imported**
18 **fresh meat, or imported ground meat** is sold at retail for consumption off-premises;

19 **(8) "U.S.A. meat", domestic fresh meat or domestic ground meat derived**
20 **exclusively from animals that are born, raised, slaughtered, and processed exclusively in**
21 **the United States.**

265.283. No person shall knowingly sell at wholesale or retail any ~~fresh meat~~
2 ~~imported from any foreign nation~~ **domestic fresh meat, domestic ground meat, imported**
3 **fresh meat, or imported ground meat** without complying with all of the provisions of
4 sections 265.280 to 265.289.

265.286. 1. On each quarter, half, or whole carcass of **domestic fresh meat or**
2 **imported fresh meat offered for sale at wholesale or retail, and also on any individually**
3 **wrapped or packaged cut or portion thereof, there shall either be placed a label or brand**
4 **clearly indicating the country of origin of the meat or a conspicuous, legible, and clearly**
5 **visible sign indicating the country of origin of the meat. Where unwrapped or unpackaged**
6 **cuts or slices are displayed in a tray or case for selection by the patron, each tray or case shall**
7 **have a conspicuous, legible, and clearly visible sign or label indicating the country of origin.**
8 Every tray or other container of hamburger, **domestic ground meat, imported ground meat,**
9 **sausage, or other domestic fresh meat or imported fresh meat** displayed in the bulk shall
10 have a sign or label conforming to the same requirements. All signs required by this section
11 shall be placed to clearly indicate for which cuts of meat or trays of meat such sign is
12 intended.

13 2. **No person shall advertise, offer, or engage in sales at retail of any meat as**
14 **"U.S.A. meat" unless the meat fulfills all elements of the term as defined in section**
15 **265.280.**

16 3. **No person shall advertise, offer, or engage in sales at retail of any meat as**
17 **"Missouri meat" unless the meat fulfills all elements of the term as defined in section**
18 **265.280.**

265.287. 1. **The department of agriculture shall establish a "Missouri Meats"**
2 **program to provide for the labeling and regulation of domestic fresh meat or domestic**
3 **ground meat as "Missouri meat" under sections 265.280 to 265.289.**

4 2. **The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**
5 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
6 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**
7 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**
8 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable,**
9 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to**

10 **review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**
11 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
12 **adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.**

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