STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to prohibiting the manufacture for sale, sale, hold or offer for sale, or distribution of lab grown meat or 3D printed meat in the state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 96-g of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding three new subdivisions 18, 19 and 20 to read as follows:

18. "Lab grown meat" means a food product comprised of animal cells, such as muscle or fat tissue. Such cells are derived from an initial sample and are grown in a culture through cellular agriculture in a controlled environment, such as a bioreactor. The resulting product is biologically equivalent to conventional meat but is not the result of the slaughter of an animal.

19. "3D printed meat" means a food product fabricated using additive manufacturing technology, which involves the layer-by-layer deposition of a specialized bio-ink. Such bio-ink is composed of either cultured animal cells or proteins derived from botanical sources.

20. "Plant-based meat" means a food product formulated exclusively from botanical sources, such as soy, pea protein, or wheat. Such ingredients are subjected to food processing techniques, including high heat and pressure extrusion.

§ 2. Section 96-h of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 573 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

§ 96-h. Application of article. **1.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the knowing sale, exposure for sale, exchange or transportation at any and all places within the state of the fur, hair, skin or flesh of domesticated dog (canis familiaris) or domesticated cat (felis catus or domesticus) as food, meat, custom slaughtered meat, farm dressed meat, meat by-product or meat food product edible by humans or animals is hereby prohibited. A violation of this [~~section~~] **subdivision** shall subject the offender to a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars for an individual and up to five thousand

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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dollars for a corporation for the first violation. Any subsequent violation shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand dollars. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this [~~section~~] subdivision shall be paid to the animal population control fund established by section ninety-seven-xx of the state finance law. Any authorization given by or pursuant to the provisions of this article to handle, sell, expose for sale, exchange or transport the carcasses of animals, parts thereof, meat, meat by-products and meat food products within the state and any exclusion from the application of this article applicable to custom slaughtered meat or contained in section ninety-six-j or another provision of this article shall not apply to the knowing sale, exposure for sale, exchange or transportation of the fur, hair, skin or flesh of domesticated dog or domesticated cat as food, meat, custom slaughtered meat, farm dressed meat, meat by-product or meat food product edible by humans or animals which is prohibited by the provisions of this section. In the case of any conflict with another provision of this article, the provisions of this [~~section~~] subdivision shall prevail over such other provision of this article.

2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture for sale, sell, hold or offer for sale, or distribute lab grown meat or 3D printed meat in this state. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to plant-based meat. A person who knowingly violates this subdivision commits a class B misdemeanor. A food establishment that manufactures, distributes, or sells lab grown meat or 3D printed meat in violation of this subdivision shall be subject to disciplinary action including a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars for an individual and up to five thousand dollars for a corporation for the first violation. Any subsequent violation shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand dollars. Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be paid to the animal population control fund established by section ninety-seven-xx of the state finance law. In addition to the penalties provided in this subdivision the license of any restaurant, store, or other business may be suspended as provided in the applicable licensing law upon the conviction of an owner or employee of that business for a violation of this subdivision in connection with that business. A product found to be in violation of this subdivision is subject to seizure and quarantine under the provisions of section two hundred two-b of this chapter. The department may adopt rules to implement this subdivision.

(b) The department is authorized to determine whether any food product manufactured, sold, offered for sale, held for sale, distributed, or transported within the state constitutes lab grown meat or 3D printed meat, as defined in section ninety-six-g of this article. For purposes of making such determination, the department may inspect any food establishment, facility, product, ingredient, process, record, or labeling associated with the manufacture or distribution of such product, including records sufficient to establish the origin and method of production of the product.

(c) Where the department determines that a person, food establishment, store or other business has violated this subdivision, the department shall issue a written notice of violation setting forth the factual basis for such determination and any penalties imposed.

(d) The department may establish standards, procedures, and documentation requirements necessary to implement and enforce this subdivision, including requirements related to inspection, sampling, recordkeeping,

and verification of compliance. Failure to comply with such standards or to provide documentation required by the department shall constitute a violation of this subdivision.

(e) Any person or food establishment, store or other business aggrieved by a determination or penalty issued pursuant to this subdivision may seek judicial review pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules, provided that such proceeding is commenced within thirty days of service of the notice of violation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.