

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
5                   HOUSE BILL NO. 1126

By: Grego of the House

6                   and

7                   **Pederson** of the Senate

10                  COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                  An Act relating to public health and safety; defining  
12                  terms; prohibiting the misbranding of food;  
13                  prohibiting the distribution of, offer for sale, and  
14                  the selling of any falsely advertised or misbranded  
15                  food; providing when food is misbranded; providing  
16                  when a manufactured-protein food product is falsely  
17                  advertised; requiring the State Department of Health  
18                  to investigate all credible claims of misbranded or  
19                  falsely advertised food; providing punishment for  
20                  violation; providing for revocation of certain  
21                  licenses for violation; providing the State  
22                  Department of Health certain rulemaking authority;  
23                  providing for codification; and providing an  
24                  effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified

in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1150 of Title 63, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1           A. As used in this act:

2           1. "Agricultural food animal" means any domesticated animal  
3 belonging to the bovine, caprine, ovine, or porcine species, or any  
4 domesticated chicken or turkey;

5           2. "Cultivated-protein food product" means a food product  
6 having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue  
7 originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of  
8 being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing  
9 cells or nonanimal sources, including processes in which one or more  
10 stem cells are initially isolated from an agricultural food animal,  
11 are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated, as part of a  
12 manufacturing operation;

13           3. "Identifying meat term" means any word or phrase that  
14 states, indicates, suggests, or describes a meat product and  
15 includes any:

16           a. common name for the species of the agricultural food  
17                   animal subject to slaughter and processing, including

18                   calf, chicken, cow, goat, hog, kid, lamb, pig,  
19                   poultry, sheep, or turkey,

20           b. any characteristic of a species of the agricultural  
21                   food animal subject to slaughter and processing,  
22                   including beef, broiler, cabrito, chevon, fryer, lamb,  
23                   mutton, pork, poulet, veal, or yearling, and

1           c. common name used to describe a major cut of a meat of  
2           an agricultural food animal slaughtered and processed,  
3           including a major meat cut or any other common name  
4           that a reasonable purchaser would immediately and  
5           exclusively associate with a meat product prepared for  
6           sale in normal commercial channels, including bacon,  
7           bologna, bone, brat, bratwurst, brisket, burger, butt,  
8           chop, chuck, cold cut, cutlet, filet, flat iron,  
9           frank, frankfurter, ham, hamburger, hock, hot dog,  
10          jerky, liverwurst, loin, London broil, lunch meat, New  
11          York strip, pepperoni, porterhouse, rib, ribeye,  
12          roast, salami, sausage, shank, sirloin, sparerib,  
13          tenderloin, or any comparable word or phrase;

14         4. "Insect-protein food product" means a food product having

15         one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue  
16         originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of  
17         being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing  
18         insect parts;

19         5. "Manufactured-protein food product" means a cultivated

20         protein food product, insect-protein food product, or plant-protein  
21         food product containing more than a trace amount of plant-protein  
22         food products;

23         6. "Plant-protein food product" means a food product having one

24         or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue found in a

1 species of agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being  
2 derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing plant  
3 parts; and

4       7. "Qualifying term" means a word, compound word, or phrase  
5 that would clearly disclose to a reasonable purchaser of meat  
6 products that a food product is not a meat product including cell-  
7 cultivated, cell cultured, fake, grown in a lab, imitation, insect,  
8 insect-based, insect protein, lab-created, lab-grown, meat-free,  
9 meatless, plant, plant-based, vegan, vegetable, vegetarian, veggie,  
10 or any comparable word or phrase.

11       B. No person shall falsely advertise or misbrand any food or  
12 distribute, offer for sale, or sell any misbranded food.

13       C. A food shall be deemed to be falsely advertised or  
14 misbranded if:

15           1. For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled  
16 with an identifying meat term, such manufactured-protein food  
17 product is not labeled with a conspicuous and prominent qualifying  
18 term in close proximity to the identifying meat term; or

19           2. For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled  
20 with an identifying meat term and offered for sale at a food  
21 establishment, such manufactured-protein food product is not labeled  
22 in a manner that is clearly and distinctly separate from any product  
23 that is made from tissue originating from any agricultural food  
24 animal.

1           D. A manufactured-protein food product is falsely advertised or  
2 misbranded if:

3           1. All labeling or advertising for such manufactured-protein  
4 food product that lists an identifying meat term does not include a  
5 conspicuous and prominent qualifying term in close proximity to the  
6 identifying meat term; or

7           2. For any manufactured-protein food product that is offered  
8 for sale at a food establishment, such manufactured-protein food  
9 product is not stored in a manner that:

- 10           a. keeps such product separate from tissue originating  
11                          from agricultural food animals, and  
12           b. uses distinctive shelf tags or other posted  
13                          representations to identify and distinguish such  
14                          manufactured-protein food product from tissue  
15                          originating from agricultural food animals.

16           E. The State Department of Health shall investigate all  
17 credible complaints that food products are falsely advertised or  
18 misbranded as meat products.

19           F. Any person who violates the provisions of this act shall,  
20 upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

21           G. 1. A seller of food under Sections 1-1118, 1-1118.1, and 1-  
22 1119 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes that violates this shall  
23 be subject to all enforcement measures as provided by rule of the  
24 State Department of Health.

1       2. The license of a seller of food may be suspended or revoked,  
2 as provided by rule of the State Department of Health upon the  
3 conviction of an owner or an employee of the licensed seller of food  
4 for a violation of this act.

5           H. The State Department of Health may adopt rules as necessary  
6 to implement this section.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
10 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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