



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
REP. REGGIE MILLER
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 9:00 AM Room 327, House Office Building

The House Committee on Agriculture was called to order by Chair Miller.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Absent: Rep. VanderWall.

Excused: Rep. VanderWall.

Representative Paiz moved to adopt the meeting minutes from November 13, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 986 before the committee:

SB 986 (Sen. Anthony)

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending section 4105 (MCL 289.4105), as amended by 2016 PA 188.

Remy Gelderloos, representing the Office of Senator Anthony, James Hull, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Administrative Services Division, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, and Ben Ploch, the Chair of Michigan Elected Operators Committee, testified in support of SB 986. Questions and discussion followed.

At 9:21 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 9:24 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Rheingans moved to report out SB 986 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 12-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 882 before the committee:

SB 882 (Sen. Singh) A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending section 4105 (MCL 289.4105), as amended by 2016 PA 188.

Kris Young, representing the Office of Senator Singh, testified in support of SB 882.

James Lee, representing the Sustainable Beekeepers Guild of Michigan, testified in support of SB 882. Questions and discussion followed.

Kris Young, representing the Office of Senator Singh, returned to answer questions from the committee.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 882, but did not wish to speak:

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Amanda Shreve, representing the Michigan Farmers Market Association.

Mikaylah Heffernan, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Representative Young moved to report out SB 882 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 12-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 6128, HB 6129, HB 6130, HB 6131, HB 6132 and HB 6133 before the committee:

HB 6128 (Rep. Dievendorf) A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending sections 3103, 3127, 3131, 7104, 7105, 7106, 7107, 8105, and 8107 (MCL 289.3103, 289.3127, 289.3131, 289.7104, 289.7105, 289.7106, 289.7107, 289.8105, and 289.8107), sections 3103, 3127, and 8107 as amended and section 7104 as added by 2012 PA 178 and sections 7105 and 8105 as amended and section 7106 as added by 2007 PA 114; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

HB 6129 (Rep. Young) A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending sections 2105, 2111, 2132, 3115, 4103, and 6135 (MCL 289.2105, 289.2111,

289.2132, 289.3115, 289.4103, and 289.6135), section 2111 as amended by 2015 PA 61, section 3115 as amended by 2016 PA 188, section 4103 as amended by 2023 PA 194, and section 2132 as added and section 6135 as amended by 2012 PA 178.

HB 6130 (Rep. Paiz)

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending sections 1107, 1109, 2129, and 6101 (MCL 289.1107, 289.1109, 289.2129, and 289.6101), sections 1107 and 2129 as amended by 2016 PA 188, section 1109 as amended by 2018 PA 92, and section 6101 as amended by 2012 PA 178.

HB 6131 (Rep. Miller)

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending sections 1105 and 4102 (MCL 289.1105 and 289.4102), section 1105 as amended by 2014 PA 516 and section 4102 as amended by 2012 PA 178.

HB 6132 (Rep. Martus)

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending sections 1111, 2125, 4111, 4117, 5105, 6137, and 7114 (MCL 289.1111, 289.2125, 289.4111, 289.4117, 289.5105, 289.6137, and 289.7114), section 1111 as amended by 2018 PA 92, section 2125 as amended by 2022 PA 126, section 4111 as amended by 2016 PA 188, section 4117 as amended by 2023 PA 194, section 5105 as amended and section 7114 as added by 2012 PA 178, and section 6137 as amended by 2007 PA 114.

HB 6133 (Rep. Edwards)

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending sections 3105, 3129, 3139, 4101, 4105, 5101, and 6103 (MCL 289.3105, 289.3129, 289.3139, 289.4101, 289.4105, 289.5101, and 289.6103), sections 3105 and 5101 as amended by 2012 PA 178, section 3139 as amended by 2007 PA 113, section 4101 as amended by 2010 PA 112, and section 4105 as amended by 2016 PA 188.

The Chair testified on HB 6128, HB 6129, HB 6130, HB 6131, HB 6132 and HB 6133.

At 9:35 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 9:38 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Mikaylah Heffernan and Tim Slawinski, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified in support of support of HB 6128, HB 5129, HB 6130, HB 6131, HB 6132, and HB 6133. Questions and discussion followed.

Amanda Shreve, the Executive Director of the Michigan Farmers Market Association, testified in support of HB 6128, HB 6129, HB 6130, HB 6131, HB 6132, and HB 6133.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 6131, but did not wish to speak:

Hailey Lamb, representing the Michigan Farmers Market Association.
Beth Anzell, representing the Charlevoix Farmers Market.
Terran Tannis, representing the Grand Rapids Food Co-op.
Sara Piaskowski, representing the Gratiot MI Farmers Market.
Brenda Keith, representing the New Baltimore Farmers Market.
Linda Bader, representing the Michigan Farmers Market Association.
Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 6132, but did not wish to speak:

Nancy Barr, representing the Michigan Allied Poultry Ind..
Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

Representative Paiz moved to report out HB 6128 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer.
Nays: None.
Pass: Reps. Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Representative Young moved to report out HB 6129 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 8-2-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans.
Nays: Reps. Bierlein, Smit.
Pass: Reps. Neyer, Roth.

Representative Neyer offered the following amendment to HB 6130:

1. Amend page 22, following line 17, by inserting:

"Sec. 7129. (1) If a food is subject to a standard established under this chapter, ~~it shall~~ **the food must** be identified by the name required by that standard. If no standard applies, the product ~~shall~~ **must** be identified by ~~its~~ **the product's** common or usual name. If no common or usual name exists, the product ~~shall~~ **must** be identified by an appropriately descriptive name that is not misleading and that accurately identifies or describes, in as simple and direct terms as possible, the basic nature of the food and ~~its~~ **the product's** characterizing ingredients or properties. A product manufactured or sold under the provisions of this act ~~— which~~ **that** is sold in closed or sealed packages ~~shall~~ **must** bear a complete label. The label ~~shall~~ **must** bear ~~the~~ **all of the following**:

- (a) ~~The~~ **The** true name of the product as defined in this act. ~~—an~~
- (b) ~~The~~ **The** ingredient statement if the product contains more than 1 ingredient. ~~—the~~
- (c) ~~The~~ **The** net weight of the product. ~~—and the~~
- (d) ~~The~~ **The** name and address of the manufacturer.

(2) ~~Products~~ **A product** sold from a bulk retail ~~displays shall~~ **display must** bear a sign or placard ~~containing that contains~~ the true and approved name of the product. If the product contains more than 1 ingredient, an ingredient statement ~~shall~~ **must** be placarded, posted, or otherwise available for the customer in written form.

(3) ~~Meat products~~ **A meat product** using antioxidants ~~shall~~ **must** indicate on the label, or in the absence of a label an adjacent placard, ~~their~~ **the** presence and purpose **of the antioxidants in the meat product.**

(4) ~~Meat products~~ **A meat product** containing monosodium glutamate, hydrolyzed vegetable protein, or any other source of monosodium glutamate ~~shall~~ **must** indicate on the label or, in the absence of a label, an adjacent placard ~~in its~~ **the** presence **of those substances in the meat product.**

(5) The meat ingredients in a meat product that specifies 1 type of meat in its name, ~~such as~~ **including, but not limited to**, ham loaf, pork loaf, veal patties, or turkey sausage, ~~shall~~ **must** be entirely from the species indicated in the product name. The meat in a meat product that specifies more than 1 type of meat in its name, ~~such as~~ **including, but not limited to**, beef and turkey sausage, ~~shall~~ **must** be entirely from the types **of meat** indicated, and ~~shall~~ **must** contain at least 20% of each meat. A meat product that contains a type of meat consisting of less than 20% of that meat may be labeled as "(product) _____ added" or "product with _____", inserting the common name of that meat. Sausage labeled or advertised as all meat or all beef ~~shall~~ **must** not contain any nonfat dry milk solids or dry whole milk.

(6) A person shall not label or identify as meat a laboratory-grown meat substitute.

(7) ~~(6)~~ All required words and numbers ~~shall~~ **must** be legible to potential customers."

Representative Neyer moved to adopt the amendment to HB 6130. The motion prevailed 12-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Young moved to report HB 6130 as amended, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 9-0-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Representative Rheingans moved to report out HB 6131 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 11-0-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer, Bierlein, Smit.

Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Roth.

Representative Fitzgerald moved to report out HB 6132 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 8-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Neyer, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Representative Coffia moved to report out HB 6133 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 8-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Neyer, Roth, Bierlein, Smit.

Representative Paiz moved to excuse Representative VanderWall from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM.

Representative Reggie Miller, Chair

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