**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**A79, R99, H4245**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Ligon, Kirby, Ott, Hewitt, Atkinson, Hiott, Hixon, Pope, Felder, V.S. Moss, D.C. Moss, B. Cox, Forrest, Simrill, Martin, B. Newton, Magnuson, Moore, Hyde, Matthews, Trantham, R. Williams, Jefferson, King, W. Cox and Gilliard

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Introduced in the House on March 13, 2019

Introduced in the Senate on April 9, 2019

Last Amended on May 9, 2019

Passed by the General Assembly on May 9, 2019

Governor's Action: May 16, 2019, Signed

Summary: Meat

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

3/13/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20190313.docx))

3/13/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20190313.docx))

3/27/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Felder, V.S.Moss, D.C.Moss, B.Cox, Forrest, Simrill, Martin, B.Newton, Magnuson, Moore, Hyde, Simmons, Trantham, R.Williams, Jefferson, King, W.Cox

3/27/2019 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 26](file:///h:\hj\20190327.docx))

4/2/2019 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 4‑3‑19 ([House Journal‑page 34](file:///h:\hj\20190402.docx))

4/4/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard

4/4/2019 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\hj\20190404.docx))

4/4/2019 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\hj\20190404.docx))

4/4/2019 House Roll call Yeas‑98 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20190404.docx))

4/4/2019 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 30](file:///h:\hj\20190404.docx))

4/5/2019 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\hj\20190405.docx))

4/9/2019 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\sj\20190409.docx))

4/9/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** ([Senate Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\sj\20190409.docx))

4/25/2019 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture and Natural Resources** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20190425.docx))

5/7/2019 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 100](file:///h:\sj\20190507.docx))

5/7/2019 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 100](file:///h:\sj\20190507.docx))

5/7/2019 Senate Roll call Ayes‑44 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 100](file:///h:\sj\20190507.docx))

5/8/2019 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 72](file:///h:\sj\20190508.docx))

5/9/2019 House Senate amendment amended ([House Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\hj\20190509.docx))

5/9/2019 House Returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\hj\20190509.docx))

5/9/2019 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 69](file:///h:\sj\20190509.docx))

5/13/2019 Ratified R 99

5/16/2019 Signed By Governor

5/31/2019 Effective date 05/16/19

6/5/2019 Act No.  79

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 17, TITLE 47 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ADVERTISE, SELL, LABEL, OR MISREPRESENT AS “MEAT” OR “CLEAN MEAT” ALL OR PART OF A CARCASS THAT IS CELL‑CULTURED MEAT/PROTEIN, OR IS NOT DERIVED FROM HARVESTED PRODUCTION LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, FISH, OR CRUSTACEANS, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO PLANT‑BASED MEAT SUBSTITUTES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Cell‑cultured meat**

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Title 47 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 5

Cell‑Cultured Meat

Section 47‑17‑510. A person who advertises, offers for sale, or sells all or part of a carcass shall not engage in any misleading or deceptive practices, labeling, or misrepresenting a product as ‘meat’ or ‘clean meat’ that is cell‑cultured meat/protein, or is not derived from harvested production livestock, poultry, fish, or crustaceans.

Section 47‑17‑520. The provisions of this article do not apply to plant‑based meat substitutes.

Section 47‑17‑530. A person who violates this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than one year, or fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 13th day of May, 2019.

Approved the 16th day of May, 2019.

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