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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 713, L.D. 1928, Bill, "An Act to Require Labeling on Genetically Engineered Food"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4-D by inserting at the end the following: "Genetically engineered food" does not include a food developed exclusively through traditional methods of breeding, such as artificial insemination, embryo transfer, hybridization or nondirected mutagenesis, nor does it include foods containing extracted products of a genetically engineered organism with no more than trace amounts of the organism itself or its genetic material.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4-E by inserting at the end the following: "Genetically engineered food organism" does not include a food organism developed exclusively through traditional methods of breeding, such as artificial insemination, embryo transfer, hybridization or nondirected mutagenesis.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will incur some minor additional costs to oversee the requirement that genetically engineered food be labeled by retailers. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
4 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
6 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment refines the definition of "genetically
engineered food" and "genetically engineered food organism" to
14 exclude those foods and organisms created by traditional breeding
methods and foods that contain products extracted from
16 genetically engineered organisms that contain only trace amounts
of the organism or its genetic material.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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