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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 569, L.D. 1733, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Misbranding of Genetically Engineered Food"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S530-A.~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Labeling permitted; rules. Beginning January 1, 2002, a label may be placed on any food, food product or food ingredient offered for sale in the State designating that food, food product or food ingredient as free of or made without recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid technology, genetic engineering or bioengineering. The department shall adopt rules implementing this subsection. The rules must allow any food 1% or less of which consists of genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled as free of genetically engineered ingredients. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

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

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules

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2 pertaining to the labeling of genetically engineered food. These
costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

8 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. This
10 amendment designates the rules authorized as routine technical
rules and changes the implementation date to January 1, 2002. It
12 also allows a food 1% or less of which consists of genetically
engineered ingredients to be labeled as free of genetically
14 engineered ingredients.

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The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.