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State	Bill No.	Title	Summary
Alaska	H 92	Genetically Modified Food Labeling	Relates to the labeling of food; relates to the misbranding of food; requires labeling of food produced with genetic engineering.
Alaska	H 258	Genetically Modified Fish Sale Ban	Prohibits the sale of a genetically modified fish or fish product.
Alaska	HJR 28	Opposing Genetically Modified Salmon	Opposes the United States Food and Drug Administration's approval of AquaBounty AquAdvantage genetically engineered salmon; urges the United States Congress to enact legislation that requires prominently labeling genetically engineered products with the words "Genetically Modified" on the product's packaging; encourages the restoration of wild, native populations of salmon in areas where development has negatively affected salmon.
Alaska	SCR 28	Genetically Modified Labeling of Products	Suspends Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Joint Resolution No. 28; opposes the United States Food and Drug Administration's approval of AquaBounty AquAdvantage genetically engineered salmon; urges the United States Congress to enact legislation that requires prominently labeling genetically engineered products with the words "Genetically Modified" on the product's packaging.
Arizona	H 2275	Genetically Engineered Foods and Labeling	Would require that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food.
Connecticut	H 5300	Use of Genetically Modified Organisms in Children Food	Concerns the use of genetically modified organisms in children's food; requires infant formula, baby food and children's foods that are produced partially or entirely with genetically engineered materials to be labelled as such.

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Florida	H 1369	Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods	Relates to labeling of genetically engineered foods; provides mandatory labeling requirements for genetically engineered raw foods and processed foods made with or derived from genetically engineered ingredients; directs Department of Health (DOH) to adopt rules; provides for injunctive relief actions; requires court to award costs and fees under certain circumstances.
Florida	S 1700	Labeling Of Genetically Engineered Foods	Relates to labeling of genetically engineered foods; providing mandatory labeling requirements for genetically engineered raw foods and processed foods made with or derived from genetically engineered ingredients by a specified date.
Florida	S 1708	Labeling Of Genetically Engineered Foods	Relates to labeling of genetically engineered foods.
Georgia	HR 450	House Study Committee on Genetically Engineered Foods	Creates the House Study Committee on Genetically Engineered Foods.
Hawaii	H 686	Genetically Engineered Fish	Prohibits propagating, cultivating, or farming genetically engineered fish in state marine Waters. Authorizes counties to regulate genetically engineered organisms and pesticide use to the extent that the regulations are more stringent than state or federal laws.
Hawaii	H 687	Pesticide Use	
Hawaii	H 1391	Genetic Engineering	Mandates the Department of Agriculture to take precautionary measures to anticipate, prevent, or minimize the adverse effects of biotechnology and genetic engineering.
Hawaii	S 131	Genetically Engineered Material	Establishes labeling requirements for any food or raw agricultural commodity sold in the State that contains a genetically engineered material, or was produced with a genetically engineered material; establishes exceptions; establishes violations; requires the director of health to adopt rules.

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Hawaii	<u>S 610</u>	Pesticide Rules and Ordinances	Expressly preempts counties from enacting, adopting, or enforcing ordinances or rules relating to GMOs; expressly preempts counties or other political subdivisions from enacting, adopting, or enforcing ordinances or rules relating to pesticides.
Hawaii	<u>S 712</u>	Genetically Engineered Products in Enterprise Zones	Makes the research, development, sale, production, or processing of genetically engineered agricultural products not for direct human consumption as food ineligible for tax and other incentives granted to certain businesses located in enterprise zones. Prohibits the planting of a genetically engineered seed or plant part in an open field; allows the chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to grant an exception where such planting is done in a controlled environment.
Hawaii	<u>S 874</u>	Genetically Engineered Seeds and Plant Parts	
Hawaii	<u>S 875</u>	Genetically Engineered Material	Establishes, beginning January 1, 2016, labeling requirements for any food or raw agricultural commodity sold in the State that contains a genetically engineered material, or was produced with a genetically engineered material; establishes exceptions; establishes violations; requires director of health to adopt rules. Requires a biotechnology company that Sells a genetically modified organism that the company knows or has reason to believe will be used to produce an agricultural commodity to provide written disclosure of possible risks from the use of such an organism.
Hawaii	<u>S 884</u>	Genetically Modified Organism	
Hawaii	<u>S 885</u>	Genetic Engineering	Mandates the Department of Agriculture to take precautionary measures to anticipate, prevent, or minimize the adverse effects of biotechnology and genetic engineering. Requires labeling of foods that have been genetically engineered; provides a penalty for violations and authorizes private civil enforcement of the act.
Hawaii	<u>S 1315</u>	Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods	

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Hawaii	S 1321	Genetically Engineered Food	Requires all genetically engineered food to be labeled with a disclosure stating that it is "Produced with Genetic Engineering"; deems any genetically engineered food sold without the required disclosure to be misbranded and subject to penalties.
Hawaii	S 2574	Genetically Modified Organism Risk Disclosure	Requires a biotechnology company that sells a genetically modified organism that the company knows or has reason to believe will be used to produce an agricultural commodity to provide written disclosure of possible risks from the use of such an organism; provides that a written notice does not waive any liability a biotechnology company may have toward a purchaser.
Hawaii	S 2575	Genetically Engineered Seeds and Plant Parts	Prohibits the planting of a genetically engineered seed or plant part in an open field; allows the chairperson of the Board of Agriculture to grant an exception where such planting is done in a controlled environment.
Hawaii	S 2576	Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering	Mandates the Department of Agriculture to take precautionary measures to anticipate, prevent, or minimize the adverse effects of biotechnology and genetic engineering.
Hawaii	S 2577	Genetically Engineered Material Label Requirements	Establishes labeling requirements for any food or raw agricultural commodity sold in the State that contains a genetically engineered material, or was produced with a genetically engineered material; establishes exceptions; establishes violations; requires director of health to adopt rules. Requires food items to be labeled with information that identifies the food items as genetically modified; provides that the department of agriculture and land stewardship is responsible for administering and enforcing's provisions; provides that a person manufacturing a packaged food item must disclose whether it was or may have been subjected to genetic engineering when produced.
Iowa	H 147	Food Labeling	

Illinois	S 734	Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act	Creates the Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act; provides that beginning on the effective date of the Act, any food offered for retail sale in this State is misbranded if it is entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering and that fact is not disclosed in a certain manner; provides that the Act shall not be construed to require either the listing or identification of any ingredient or ingredients that were genetically engineered.
Illinois	SR 255	Legislative Resolution	Urges Congress to direct the clarification of national food labeling standards; shows support for meaningful consumer education and for measures that provide consumers with a reasonable means of identifying food products that may or may not have been developed using bioengineering; encourages food manufacturers to further study ways to inform consumers about food choices, as long as the information provided is truthful and not misleading; urges all State agencies to suspend any and all action with regards. Provides that, beginning by a specified date, any food that is offered for retail sale is misbranded, for purposes of the law prohibiting the misbranding of food, if the food was or may have been entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering and this is not disclosed in a certain manner.
Indiana	H 1099	Genetically Engineered Food	Relates to the labeling of plant seeds.
Massachusetts	H 761	Labeling of Plant Seeds	Relates to the labeling of genetically engineered food.
Massachusetts	H 3242	Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food	Establishes the genetic engineering transparency food
Massachusetts	H 4156	Genetic Engineering Transparency Food Label Act	labeling act. From JOINT Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH: Accompanied Study Order S 2199.
Massachusetts	S 1158	Liability for Genetically Engineered Food	

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Maine	H 292	False Labeling of Marine Organisms	This bill requires clear and conspicuous labeling of a marine organism offered for sale if the marine organism is produced using genetic engineering and is labeled with the same name as its nongenetically engineered counterpart. Failure to provide the required labeling is a civil violation.
Maine	H 295	Nonalcoholic Malt Beverages	Exempts nonalcoholic malt beverages from the disclosure requirements of the laws regulating the labeling of genetically engineered products.
Maine	H 686	Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law	Adopts mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food in order for Maine's law to go into effect.
Maine	S 478	Labeling of All Genetically Modified Products	This bill defines "genetically modified product," which includes genetically engineered seed stock, products from animals fed genetically engineered food and medicines that were manufactured with genetically engineered plants or animals to the laws regarding the labeling of genetically engineered products. It requires the disclosure of genetic engineering of food, seed stock, products from animals fed genetically engineered food or medicines that were manufactured with genetically.
Michigan	HR 89	Genetically Modified Food Resolution	Urges the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that establishes a national, uniform, and scientifically-based label program for genetically modified food.
Michigan	SR 59	Food Labeling Resolution	Urges the United States Congress to enact legislation requiring uniform and science-based food labeling nationwide. Relates to commerce; provides consumer protection; requires disclosure of genetically engineered food;
Minnesota	H 351	Commerce	authorizes rulemaking.
Minnesota	S 335	Commerce	Relates to commerce; provides consumer protection; requires disclosure of genetically engineered food; authorizes rulemaking.

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Missouri	H 1510	Genetically Modified Food Products	Requires all food and food products sold in Missouri that are or contain genetically modified products to be labeled as such.
Missouri	HCR 79	Restricted Use of Modern Agricultural Technologies	Opposes legislative or regulatory actions that are not based on sound science that may restrict the use of modern agricultural technologies.
Missouri	SCR 63	Science Based Data in Agricultural Activities	Relates to use of science based data in certain agricultural activities.
Mississippi			Prohibits the sale, farming, cultivation, incubation or inducement to spawn of Atlantic salmon or genetically engineered fish that may come into contact with or spread contagious diseases to native fish in this state; authorizes the department of agriculture and commerce to enforce the requirements of this act.
	S 2402	Genetically Engineered Salmon	
New Hampshire	H 1674	Genetically Engineered Foods Labeling	Requires the labeling of genetically engineered foods and agricultural commodities; 16-2660 08/05.
New Jersey	AR 152	Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act	Urges enactment of "Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015".
New Jersey	S 238	Genetically Modified Food Labels	Requires labeling of foods containing genetically modified material.
New Jersey	S 1470	Genetically Engineered Food Labels	Requires labeling of foods containing genetically engineered material.
New Jersey	SR 33	Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015	Urges enactment of the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015.
New York			Establishes an affirmative defense for causes of action related to violation of a patent, trademark or other intellectual property right on grounds that a party possessed or used seeds or plants that contained genetically engineered or genetically modified organisms without entering into an agreement or paying fees to the manufacturer or licensed distributor of such products.
	A 298	Damages for Violation of Patent	

New York	A 617	Labeling of Genetic Engineering Products	Provides for the labeling of raw agricultural commodities, processed foods, seed, and seed stock produced with genetic engineering; defines terms; imposes penalties for false labels and misbranding; sets forth exemptions.
New York	A 641	Labeling of Genetically Engineered Seeds	Requires all seeds that are or include genetically engineered organisms to be labeled "These are genetically engineered seeds", and include labeling on the identity of the relevant traits and characteristics introduced into such seed, any requirements for the safe handling, storage, transport and use of the seed, the name, address and telephone number of the manufacturer of the seed and the person who labeled, sells, offers for sale or exposes such seed for sale.
New York	A 652	Genetically Modified Organism Registry	Establishes a genetically modified organism registry within the department of agriculture and markets; provides that such registry shall include information on the location, type and use of genetically modified organisms possessed and used by institutions of higher education, and included in seeds sold and distributed in this state. Requires authorized health care professionals, prior to administering a vaccine, to provide patients with information relating to genetically modified organisms, and provide them the option to receive a non-genetically modified organism vaccine.
New York	A 1536	Authorized Health Care Professionals Vaccines Containing Genetically Modified Organisms	Bans the use of vaccines containing genetically modified organisms.
New York	A 1706		Relates to the labeling of vaccines containing genetically modified organisms.
New York	A 2447	Labeling of Certain Vaccines	
New York	A 3251	Task Force on Genetically Modified Organisms in Food	Creates a task force to monitor and report on the effects of the use of genetically modified organisms in the food supply.

New York	A 3407	Study of Genetically Modified Organisms	Requires a study of genetically modified organisms and cross pollination, the impact on wildlife, and the effect on human consumption; requires reporting and recommendations by department of agriculture and markets, DEC, and department of health.
New York	A 4205	Labeling of Consumable Commodities	Relates to requiring clear and conspicuous labeling of all consumable commodities, including infant formula.
New York	A 4233	New York Right To Know Genetically Engineered Food Act	Enacts the "New York Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act". Enacts provisions imposing a five year moratorium on the planting and growing of genetically modified crops in New York state and the use of a marketing plan to promote New York state agricultural products; defines "genetically modified crops"; exempts such genetically modified crops
New York	A 5116	Planting and Growing of Genetically Modified Crops	planted and grown for the sole purpose of conducting research and not for sale.
New York	A 8017	Labeling of Certain Food Products	Relates to requiring labeling indicating a food product is free of genetically modified organisms.
New York	A 8449	Persons Who Sell Genetically Engineered Plants	Requires persons who sell or distribute genetically engineered plants, planting stock or seeds to provide written instructions to purchasers or growers of such stock. Provides for the labeling of raw agricultural commodities, processed foods, seed, and seed stock produced with genetic engineering; imposes penalties for false labels and misbranding; provides that any person or entity who violates the requirements shall be liable for a civil penalty; sets forth exemptions.
New York	S 485	Labeling of Genetically Engineered Products	

New York

[S 3085](#) Affirmative Defenses for Causes of Actions

Establishes an affirmative defense for cause of actions related to violation of a patent, trademark or other intellectual property right on the grounds that a party possessed or used seeds or plants that contain genetically engineered or genetically modified organisms without entering into an agreement or paying fees to the manufacturer or licensed distributor of such products. Provides for the labeling of food or food products that contain a genetically engineered material or that are produced with a genetically engineered material; defines terms; imposes penalties for false labels and misbranding; sets forth exemptions.

New York

[S 3802](#) Labeling of Food or Food Products

Ohio

[H 396](#) Prohibited Sale of Specified Restricted Species

Prohibits the possession, introduction or sale of restricted and prohibited species; relates to genetically engineered organisms and nonnative species; authorizes adoption of rules designating additional species, other than plant species, as restricted species and prohibited species; provides for a risk assessment of aquatic species; provides for civil penalties, fines and imprisonment for violations; includes knowing and intentional damage to natural, agricultural or silvicultural resources

Oklahoma

[H 1370](#) Agriculture

Relates to agriculture; defines terms; requires certain food or seed stock to contain certain labeling; provides that certain food or seed stock that does not contain certain labeling be considered misbranded; provides for exceptions; permits Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to promulgate certain rules; relates to liability.

Oregon	H 4122	Label of Genetically Engineered Fish	Requires labeling of genetically engineered fish sold or offered for sale for human consumption; requires labeling of packaged products containing genetically engineered fish and sold or offered for sale for human consumption. Urges Federal and State regulatory agencies to utilize science-based data in evaluating crop protection chemistry and nutrients.
Pennsylvania	SR 95	Urges Federal and State Regulatory Agencies	
Rhode Island	H 5078	Genetically Engineered Food	Requires that any genetically-engineered foods be labeled as such. This act would take effect on January 1, 2016. Would require the labeling of all raw and packaged food that is entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering, commencing January 1, 2016. This act would take effect upon passage.
Rhode Island	H 5197	Food and Drugs	Would require all businesses that sell food and have gross annual sales of over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), with the exception of restaurants, to post signs that informs their customers, that all the products they have offered for sale, contain genetically modified organisms, unless there labels say otherwise. This act would take effect upon passage.
Rhode Island	H 5502	Food and Drugs	Would require that labels or marks on milk or milk products include information disclosing whether such milk or milk product has been genetically engineered or modified. This act would take effect upon passage.
Rhode Island	H 5587	Milk Sanitation Code	Requires that any genetically-engineered foods be labeled as such.
Rhode Island	H 7082	Genetically Engineered Foods	Would require that labels or marks on milk or milk products include information disclosing whether such milk or milk product has been genetically engineered or modified. This act would take effect upon passage.
Rhode Island	H 7256	Milk Sanitation Code	

Rhode Island	H 7274	Genetically Engineered Food Labeling	Would require the labeling of all raw and packaged food that is entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering, commencing January 1, 2017. This act would take effect upon passage.
Rhode Island	S 93	Food and Drugs	Would facilitate accurate labeling for food or food products that are produced or made in Rhode Island and consist of or contain genetically modified organisms. It would require the manufacturer or retailer to label such items before putting them on the market for sale in Rhode Island. This act would take effect on July 1, 2016.
Rhode Island	S 549	Food and Drugs	Would require that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food. This act would take effect on January 1, 2017.
Rhode Island	S 557	Food and Drugs	Would require that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food, upon the occurrence of four (4) other states adopting similar mandatory labelling laws, as specified in this act. This act would take effect upon passage.
Rhode Island	S 2458	Genetically Engineered Food and Drugs Labeling	Would require that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food, upon the occurrence of four other states adopting similar mandatory labeling laws, as specified in this act. This act would take effect upon passage.
Rhode Island	S 2459	Genetically Engineered Food and Drugs Labeling	Would require that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food. This act would take effect on January 1, 2017.

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Tennessee	H 521	Food and Food Products	Relates to Food and Food Products; authorizes a person, company, or entity to participate in the Non-GMO Project's product verification program to ensure that the food is not genetically engineered.
Tennessee	H 1217	Agriculture	Relates to Agriculture; requires that plants and seeds sold be labeled to indicate open pollination, genetic modification, and hybridization.
Tennessee	H 1218	Food and Food Products	Relates to Food and Food Products; enacts the Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act.
Tennessee	HJR 218	Statement of Intent or Position	Relates to Statement of Intent or Position; supports use of science-based data to assess the impacts and regulation of modern agricultural technologies.
Tennessee	S 394	Food and Food Products	Relates to Food and Food Products; authorizes a person, company, or entity to participate in the Non-GMO Projects products verification program to ensure that the food is not genetically engineered
Tennessee	S 551	Agriculture	Relates to Agriculture; requires that plants and seeds sold in Tennessee be labeled to indicate open pollination, genetic modification, and hybridization.
Tennessee	S 696	Food and Food Products	Relates to Food and Food Products; enacts the Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act.
Wyoming	D 53	Label Genetically Engineered Items	(JOINT RESOLUTION) Requests Congress to enact legislation reaffirming the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as the primary authority in uniform food labeling related to genetic engineering.
Wyoming	HJR 1	Uniform Food Labeling	Requests Congress to enact legislation reaffirming the United States Food and Drug Administration as the primary authority in uniform food labeling related to genetic engineering.
Wyoming	SJR 4	Request Congress Resolution	Requests Congress to enact legislation providing uniform food labeling related to genetic material.