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### **An Act to Require Food Labels to Disclose Use of Messenger Ribonucleic Acid Vaccine Material in Food Production**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SOBOLESKI of Phillips.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and  
Representative: SMITH of Palermo.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 101, sub-c. 8** is enacted to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 8**

4 **LABELING FOODS FOR MESSENGER RIBONUCLEIC ACID VACCINE**  
5 **MATERIAL**

6 **§530-F. Labels for food or food products that include messenger ribonucleic acid**  
7 **vaccine material**

8 **1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
9 following terms have the following meanings.

10 **A. "Aquaculture"** has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 6001, subsection 1.

11 **B. "Food or food products"** has the same meaning as in section 282, subsection 2.

12 **C. "Livestock"** has the same meaning as in section 81, subsection 8.

13 **D. "Messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine material" or "mRNA vaccine material"** means  
14 **a substance included in a vaccine to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide**  
15 **immunity against disease by introducing messenger ribonucleic acid that corresponds**  
16 **to a viral protein.**

17 **E. "Poultry"** has the same meaning as in section 1751, subsection 5.

18 **2. Labeling required.** A label must be placed on a food or food product offered for  
19 sale in the State derived from aquaculture, livestock or poultry that received mRNA vaccine  
20 material. The label must:

21 **A. Contain a clear and concise statement that the food or food product contains mRNA**  
22 **vaccine material; and**

23 **B. Be conspicuously and prominently placed in order to be easily seen by the consumer.**

24 **3. Enforcement; rules.** If inspection personnel of the department find that the food or  
25 food product is not properly labeled as required by this section, the commissioner shall  
26 issue a stop order for the food or food product until it is labeled in accordance with this  
27 section.

28 **The department shall adopt rules implementing this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this**  
29 **subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.**

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill requires that a label be placed on a food or food product offered for sale in the  
32 State derived from aquaculture, livestock or poultry that received messenger ribonucleic  
33 acid, also known as mRNA, vaccine material.