

# HOUSE BILL No. 5062

September 21, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Bennett, Richard A. Young, Ciaramitaro, Gire, Gubow, Profit, Honigman, Wallace, Keith, Brown, DeMars, Berman, Runco and Weeks and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to require the labeling of certain milk products produced by cows treated with certain hormones; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:
- 2       (a) "BST" means bovine somatotropin.
- 3       (b) "Milk products" means cream, light cream, coffee cream,
- 4 table cream, whipping cream, light whipping cream, heavy cream,
- 5 heavy whipping cream, whipped cream, whipped light cream, whipped
- 6 coffee cream, whipped table cream, sour cream, cultured sour
- 7 cream, half-and-half, sour half-and-half, cultured half-and-half,
- 8 reconstituted or recombined milk and milk products, concentrated
- 9 milk, concentrated milk products, skim milk, skimmed milk, lowfat
- 10 milk, fortified milk and milk products, vitamin D milk and milk

1 products, homogenized milk, flavored milk or milk products,  
2 buttermilk, cultured buttermilk, cultured milk, cultured whole  
3 milk buttermilk, acidified milk and milk products, cheese, cot-  
4 tage cheese, creamed cottage cheese, butter, dry milk, dry  
5 skimmed milk, eggnog, and any other final milk product.

6 (c) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
7 association, the state, or any other public or private entity.

8 Sec. 2. The container or packaging used for milk products  
9 produced by cows treated with BST sold or offered for sale in  
10 this state shall be labeled in a legible manner indicating that  
11 the product was produced by a cow that was injected or otherwise  
12 treated with BST.

13 Sec. 3. (1) A person who violates this act is responsible  
14 to the state for a civil fine of not less than \$5,000.00 per  
15 violation.

16 (2) Milk products that are not labeled in the manner  
17 required by this act are subject to confiscation and destruction  
18 by the department of agriculture.

19 (3) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs  
20 ordered under this act or an installment of the fine or costs may  
21 be remedied by any means authorized under the revised judicature  
22 act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being sec-  
23 tions 600.101 to 600.9947 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.