COMMITTEE REPORT

April 25, 2019

**H. 4245**

Introduced by Reps. Ligon, Kirby, Ott, Hewitt, Atkinson, Hiott, Hixon, Pope, Felder, V.S. Moss, D.C. Moss, B. Cox, Forrest, Simrill, Martin, B. Newton, Magnuson, Moore, Hyde, Simmons, Trantham, R. Williams, Jefferson, King, W. Cox and Gilliard

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4245) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 5 to Chapter 17, Title 47 so as to provide it is unlawful to advertise, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

PAUL G. CAMPBELL, JR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 17, TITLE 47 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ADVERTISE, SELL, LABEL, OR MISREPRESENT AS “MEAT” OR “CLEAN MEAT” ALL OR PART OF A CARCASS THAT IS CELL‑CULTURED MEAT/PROTEIN, OR IS NOT DERIVED FROM HARVESTED PRODUCTION LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Title 47 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 5

Cell‑Cultured Meat

Section 47‑17‑510. A person who advertises, offers for sale, or sells all or part of a carcass shall not engage in any misleading or deceptive practices, labeling, or misrepresenting a product as ‘meat’ or ‘clean meat’ that is cell‑cultured meat/protein, or is not derived from harvested production livestock, poultry, fish, or crustaceans.

Section 47-17-520. The provisions of this article do not apply to plant-based meat substitutes.

Section 47‑17‑530. A person who violates this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than one year, or fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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