



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 4245	Signed by Governor on May 16, 2019
<b>Author:</b>	Ligon	
<b>Subject:</b>	Misrepresentation of Meat	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House of Representatives	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Gardner	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	June 5, 2019	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill makes it a misdemeanor to engage in misleading or deceptive practices when advertising, selling, or offering for sale certain products as meat or clean meat. The Judicial Department anticipates that any expenditure impact from the increased caseload in General Sessions Court will be absorbed within the department's General Fund.

Dorchester, Florence, and Lancaster Counties provided responses on the expected local expenditure impact of the bill. All parties report the bill will not result in a significant expenditure impact since the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service is responsible for enforcing violations involving human food production using animal cell culture technology.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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##### **State Expenditure**

This bill makes it unlawful to advertise, sell, label, or misrepresent as meat or clean meat all or part of a carcass that is cell-cultured meat or protein, or is not derived from harvested production livestock, poultry, fish, or crustaceans.

**Judicial Department.** This bill makes it a misdemeanor to engage in misleading or deceptive practices when advertising, selling, or offering for sale certain products as meat or clean meat. This bill creates a new misdemeanor offense triable in the court of General Sessions, and would increase the caseload within that court. However, as this legislation creates a new offense, there is no data available upon which to estimate the number of hearings or trials that may be initiated as a result of this legislation. It is anticipated that any impact to the General Fund from the increased caseload in General Sessions would be absorbed by the Judicial Department.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

Of the 46 counties surveyed, only Dorchester, Florence, and Lancaster Counties provided responses on the expected local expenditure impact of the bill. All parties report the bill will not result in a significant expenditure impact since the United States Department of Agriculture's

Food Safety and Inspection Service is responsible for enforcing violations involving human food production using animal cell culture technology.

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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