

SENATE BILL 369

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44;  
Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 53, relative to meat.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-7-202, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "mRNA vaccine or vaccine material" means a substance to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against disease by introducing messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) that corresponds to a viral protein;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-7-205, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) Nothing in this section or another law prohibits a person from labeling meat or a meat product as "mRNA free" or any similar designation, if the animals from which the meat or meat product was derived were not administered an mRNA vaccine or vaccine material.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-2-102(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(4)

(A) Order tests of animals within this state or imported into this state for the purpose of protecting the health of animals in this state;

(B) Recommend vaccinations of livestock, as defined in § 44-11-101, within this state or imported into this state for the purpose of protecting the health of livestock in this state; and

(C) Order vaccinations of non-livestock animals within this state or imported into this state for the purpose of protecting the health of non-livestock animals in this state;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Nothing in this chapter or another law requires the administration of, or authorizes a person to require, the vaccination of livestock, as defined in § 44-11-101.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.