

HOUSE No. 3386

By Mr. Angelo of Saugus, petition of Steven Angelo for legislation to further regulate the sale of milk and banning the use of the bovine growth hormone. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT TO FURTHER REGULATE THE DAIRY INDUSTRY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The commissioner of public health, in consultation
2 with the bureau of animal health within the department of food and
3 agriculture, shall conduct an investigation on the health effects
4 resulting from the consumption of milk, or milk products, produced
5 from cows who have been injected with the bovine growth hor-
6 mone, also referred to as bovine somatotropin, or any similar sub-
7 stances designed to increase the production of milk in cows, for the
8 purpose of determining whether said bovine growth hormones may
9 be used under regulation by the department of food and agriculture,
10 or should be prohibited for all uses.

11 In determining his recommendation, such investigation shall
12 include, but not be limited to, the impact of said growth hormone on
13 dairy cows including a risk analysis, the quality of milk and dairy
14 products, the health and safety of animals, and the potential impacts
15 on the health of dairy product consumers.

16 Said commissioner of public health shall file the results of his
17 investigation, together with any drafts of legislation necessary to
18 carry the recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the
19 clerk of the house of representatives by January 1, 1996. Said com-

20 missioner shall file simultaneously his report with the joint com-
21 mittee on natural resources and agriculture of the General Court.

22 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, on or
23 after July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-five, the use of the
24 bovine growth hormone, also referred to as bovine somatotropin, or
25 similar substances designed to increase milk production in cows, as
26 well as the sale or import for sale of milk produced from cows
27 injected with said growth hormone, is prohibited until such time as
28 the aforementioned study in paragraph one of this act conducted by
29 said commissioner of public health, regarding the potential effects
30 of said growth hormones has been completed and recommendations
31 for the hormones' reinstatement and regulations have been accepted.

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