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2 Introduced by Representative Deen of Westminster

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Fish and wildlife; genetically engineered salmon; labeling

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to impose labeling requirements

7 upon all genetically engineered salmon and salmon products entering and sold

8 within the state.

9 An act relating to labeling genetically engineered salmon

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4611 is amended to read:

12 § 4611. SALE OF SALMON, TROUT, AND BLACK BASS

13 (a) A person shall not buy or sell a salmon, trout, lake trout, walleye,
14 northern pike, muskellunge, or black bass taken in this state, or imported from
15 another state or country where sale of such fish is prohibited, except such fish
16 reared in licensed propagation farms within the state.

17 (b) Genetically engineered salmon or salmon product entering or sold
18 within the state shall be labeled accordingly:

19 (1) salmon or salmon product that is sold in a packaged form shall be
20 identified as genetically engineered salmon or salmon product by bearing a

1 conspicuous label that reads “genetically modified salmon or salmon product”;

2 or

3 (2) salmon or salmon product that is sold in an unpackaged form shall
4 be conspicuously identified as genetically modified salmon or salmon product,
5 including use of a notation that is visible and easily identifiable by a consumer.

6 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 4001 is amended to read:

7 § 4001. DEFINITIONS

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9 (37) Genetically engineered salmon: salmon that has been altered or
10 produced through genetic modification from a donor, vector, recipient
11 organism, or by other means using modern molecular techniques.

12 (38) Salmon product: any food product for human or animal
13 consumption that contains salmon.

14 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.