



# HOUSE BILL No. 5451

November 30, 1995, Introduced by Reps. McManus, Hill, Brewer, McBryde, Dalman, Voorhees, Gernaat, Freeman, Rocca, Gilmer, Pitoniak, London, Green, Bodem, Randall, Goschka and Gnodtke and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

A bill to authorize an award of damages for harm caused by a false or misleading statement of fact relating to a food product.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1. (1) A person who conveys to a third party a false  
2 or misleading statement of fact relating to the food product of  
3 another person is liable for all damages proximately caused by  
4 the false or misleading statement of fact.

5       (2) As used in this section:

6       (a) "False or misleading statement of fact" means a factual  
7 assertion that is not supported by scientific or other evidence.

8       (b) "Food product" means a food or beverage offered or sold  
9 for human consumption.

1           (c) "Third party" means a person other than the producer,  
2 distributor, or seller of the food product that is the subject of  
3 a false or misleading statement.