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House Bill 5071 (Substitute H-3 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Mark Schauer  
House Committee: Agriculture  
Senate Committee: Farming, Agribusiness, and Food Systems

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Food Law to prohibit a person from falsely identifying a country, state, or other place of origin of food on a label, tag, or other document with intent to deceive or defraud. A person who violated this provision would be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than four years and/or a fine of up to \$2,000. The bill specifies that this prohibition would take effect March 1, 1998.

Currently, a person who violates the Act's prohibitions against manufacturing, selling, delivering, or receiving adulterated or misbranded food is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of at least \$100 but not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days. The bill would increase the maximum imprisonment to 93 days.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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