

# HB 201: Prohibit the Sale of Lab-Grown Meat

Legislative Rubric from Science for Georgia

[HB 201](#) prohibits selling, offering for sale, trading, or distributing lab-grown meat.

Criteria	Variables			
<b>Impact</b> <b>Who is going to be impacted? Is it equitable? List stakeholders &amp; opinions.</b>	<b>Negative</b>		Positive	
	This bill prohibits the selling of lab-grown meat and, in turn, hinders the exploration of alternatives to meat. <a href="#">Cattle and livestock have a large environmental impact</a> ; it is important to promote and understand alternatives to meat to reducing the impacts of climate change. Additionally, this bill has the possibility of encouraging misinformation and fear-mongering around lab-grown meat.			
<b>Reach</b> <b>Does it reach its target audience?</b>	0 - No impact on target audience.	1 - Impacts narrow segment.	2 - Impacts majority; exceptions.	<b>3 - Impacts entire target audience</b>
	The goal of this bill is to limit the exploration of alternatives to traditional meat. This prohibition equally impacts all residents of Georgia as it discourages the sale of alternatives to meat.			
<b>Scientific Merit</b> <b>Does it utilize scientific research accurately?</b>	YES - this does follow scientific research accurately. Here's why....		<b>NO - this does not present scientific research accurately.</b>	
	No, this bill does present scientific research accurately because the bill implies that lab-grown meat is harmful to consumers in some way. However, this is incorrect. <a href="#">Lab-grown meat is developed from animal cell culture</a> yet is produced in the lab as opposed to traditional raising and slaughtering of living animals. <a href="#">Lab-grown meat also offers many benefits</a> such as promoting food safety and a more sustainable production of protein. Studies have demonstrated that due to the unique quality of lab-grown meat, there are possibilities of <a href="#">altering the ingredients to increase the quantity of Omega-3</a> , for example, as means to create healthier meat.			
<b>Financial Feasibility</b> <b>Is it financially feasible? or does this have burdensome finances (higher taxes, future costs, etc)?</b>	0 - Extremely high costs	1 - Expensive but can be done	2 - Slight	<b>3 - No financial burden</b>
	This bill does not need funding.			
<b>Political Feasibility</b> <b>Level of opposition and partisan disagreement.</b>	0 - Majority disagreed, regardless of party.	1 - Split along party lines	2 - Minimal Opposition	3 - Complete consensus (zero to five 'Nays').
	Unknown, this bill has not received a hearing yet. It has 6 sponsors, 3 Democrats and 3 Republican.			

<b>Measurable Metrics?</b> <b>We recommend looking at these 3 metrics. Is the data available or being measured?</b>	0 - no data	1 - some data / not accessible	<b>2 - most data / somewhat accessible</b>	3 - complete transparency
There is data demonstrating the benefit of lab-grown meat over traditional methods.				