

HOUSE BILL No. 2717

By Committee on Agriculture

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9 AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to sale of transgenic wheat
10 seed; notification requirements.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) As used in this act:

14 (1) "Secretary" means the secretary of agriculture; and

15 (2) "transgenic wheat" means wheat that is produced through genetic
16 engineering.

17 (b) Before a variety of transgenic wheat seed may be offered for sale
18 in Kansas, the patent holder shall provide written notification to the sec-
19 retary that includes information regarding handling protocols to ensure
20 that the transgenic wheat variety does not enter foreign countries that
21 have not approved the transgenic wheat for use and a description of any
22 pending state or federal level administrative reviews or legal actions re-
23 garding the transgenic wheat variety.

24 (c) The secretary may require that the notification include the
25 following:

26 (1) Identification of the transgenic wheat variety;

27 (2) a description of each genetic modification made to obtain the
28 particular variety;

29 (3) a description of the techniques used in making each genetic
30 modification;

31 (4) identification of the introduced or altered genetic material;

32 (5) the effects of the genetic modification on the composition of the
33 wheat variety that was modified;

34 (6) identification of specific substances that were expressed, removed
35 or altered in the modification process;

36 (7) a description of the allergenicity and toxicity of the transgenic
37 wheat variety;

38 (8) information regarding the availability of foreign markets for the
39 transgenic wheat variety;

40 (9) information regarding handling protocols to ensure that the trans-
41 genic wheat variety does not enter foreign or domestic food supplies for
42 which the transgenic wheat has not been approved;

43 (10) an assessment of the benefits and risks anticipated from the

1 planting, harvest and sale of the transgenic wheat variety;
2 (11) any other information deemed necessary by the secretary; and
3 (12) copies of all research results regarding the transgenic wheat va-
4 riety conducted by or on behalf of the patent holder, together with sum-
5 maries of the results.
6 (d) Upon notification to the secretary as provided in subsection (b),
7 the secretary shall cause to be published in the Kansas register a notice
8 that transgenic wheat is being introduced in and offered for sale in Kansas
9 and that the information required pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) is
10 available for review in the office of the secretary.
11 (e) The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations to administer
12 the provisions of this act.
13 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
14 publication in the statute book.