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**BOVINE GROWTH HORMONE:  
ALLOW LABELING OF DAIRY  
PRODUCTS**

**House Bills 4568-4572**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Ilona Varga**  
**Committee: Regulatory Affairs**

**Complete to 4-23-97**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4568-4572 AS INTRODUCED 4-8-97**

The bills would amend various acts that regulate the selling of dairy products (i.e., milk, butter, cheese, dry milk, ice cream, and other milk by-products) to authorize persons who sold, offered for sale, exposed for sale, or possessed with intent to sell dairy products derived from cows not treated with Recombinant Bovine Somatotropin (RBST) to label the products with a conspicuous notice. (RBST is a special growth hormone used with lactating milk cows to increase milk production.) Under the bills, the labeling would read as follows:

"This product was derived from cows not treated with RBST. RBST is Recombinant Bovine Somatotropin, a recombinant bovine growth hormone used with lactating dairy cows to increase milk production. No significant difference has been shown between milk derived from RBST-treated and nonRBST-treated cows."

House Bill 4568 would amend the Fluid Milk Act (MCL 288.21b); House Bill 4569 would amend the Manufacturing Milk Act (MCL 288.102g); House Bill 4570 would amend Public Act 211 of 1955 (MCL 288.211 and 288.212), which regulates the sale of butter; House Bill 4571 would amend Public Act 30 of 1923 (MCL 288.281a), which regulates the sale of cheese; and House Bill 4572 would amend the Frozen Desserts Act (MCL 288.322 and 288.324a).

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