

## **A Bill to Stop Patents on Genetically Modified Food**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No new patents shall be issued on livestock or agriculture which contains  
3 genetic modifications shall be issued to any for-profit corporation. All  
4 current patents for genetically modified agriculture or livestock will  
5 expire on January 1, 2018.

6 **SECTION 2.** Genetic modifications include both artificial introduction of genetic  
7 materials in a laboratory, or selective breeding for such items as pesticide  
8 resistance, high crop yield, bacterial resistance, increased muscle mass,  
9 or improved taste.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration will  
11 identify which patents fall under section one of this act. They will  
12 communicate which patents are invalid to the United States Patent Office  
13 for further action.

14 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect upon passage.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.