

## Vermont's short-lived GMO law cost state \$2 million, retailers \$5 million

Vermont's first-in-the-nation GMO labeling law lasted all of three weeks, but now a new federal law voids Vermont state regulations.

"This fight's not over. It's moved to Washington, D.C., now, " said Vermont Attorney General Bill Sorrell.

Sorrell led a costly legal campaign to defend Vermont's law from large food corporations like Monsanto that challenged its constitutionality.

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But was the cost of defending the law worth the three weeks it lasted?

"We would not have a federal GMO law had Vermont not led the nation," Sorrell said.

The attorney general's office reports spending nearly \$2 million to defend the law. Here's how it breaks down:

- \$417,000 on attorney general employees
- \$1.4 million on outside legal counsel
- \$83,000 on expert witnesses

Vermont retailers bore the largest cost– \$5 million spent to comply with the law.

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Small retailers like Bouffard bore that cost and lost products in the process.

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