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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 13, Section 11, states:

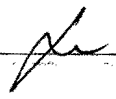
The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

An EDC (endocrine disrupting compound) is an anthropogenic chemical (human-made compound or natural compounds at unnatural concentrations due to human activity) that may have an adverse effect on reproduction or development, mediated directly through the endocrine system of fish, wildlife, and humans. Based on some studies, it has been found that some body care products and make-up products contain carcinogens and hormone-disrupting chemicals, which may jeopardize the health of teenage girls. Since teenage girls typically experiment with various body care products, they tend to use a lot more than the average individual. The industry should bear the burden of proving its products safe just as the cigarette industry does.


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1 AN ACT REQUIRING COSMETIC PACKAGING
2 TO BEAR A WARNING LABEL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN INGREDIENTS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

3 SECTION 1. *Labeling of Cosmetics.*— No person, firm, or corporation shall sell or
4 offer for sale any cosmetic product containing D4 or D5 siloxanes, phthalates, triclosan, parabens
5 or synthetic chemical musks, unless there is printed on the package in which such cosmetic is
6 sold or offered for sale, the following warning:

7 “CAUTION – USE ONLY AS DIRECTED. EXPOSURE TO AN INGREDIENT
8 CONTAINED IN THIS PRODUCT HAS BEEN LINKED TO HEALTH PROBLEMS,
9 INCLUDING CERTAIN CANCERS, REPRODUCTIVE PROBLEMS AND HORMONE
10 DISRUPTION. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.”

11 SECTION 2. *Penalty.* Any violation of this Act shall be penalized with a fine of Five
12 Hundred Thousand Pesos for the first violation. A subsequent violation shall be penalized with
13 closure of the business establishment selling/manufacturing the cosmetic product concerned.
14 This Act shall be enforced by the Department of Health.

15 SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
16 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
17 modified accordingly.

1 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
2 declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not
3 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

4 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
5 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,