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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Heart disease and hypertension are among the leading causes of death and morbidity among Filipinos. In the prevention of illness due to hypertension and heart disease, strict compliance with dietary restrictions is crucial. Hence, many consumers are gradually becoming more conscious about nutrition and the nutritional contents of the food they purchase and eat. In this regard, better informed consumers are better able to make wise choices.

This bill seeks to amend the Consumer Act in order to require food manufacturers to include minimum standard information regarding nutritional contents in the labels of food products.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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AN ACT  
REQUIRING ALL CONSUMER PRODUCTS TO SPECIFY IN THEIR  
RESPECTIVE LABELS THE NUTRITION INFORMATION THAT EACH  
CONSUMER PRODUCT CONTAINS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
ARTICLE 77 OF R.A. 7394 ALSO KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE  
PHIIPPINES

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 77 of R. A. No. 7394, otherwise known as the  
2 "Consumer Act of the Philippines is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Art. 77. **Minimum Labeling Requirements for Consumer**  
4 **Products.** - All consumer products domestically sold whether  
5 manufactured locally or imported shall indicate the following in their  
6 respective labels of packaging:

- 7 (a) Its correct and registered trade name or brand name;  
8 (b) Its duly registered trademark;  
9 (c) Its duly registered business name;  
10 (d) The address of the manufacturer, importer, repacker of the  
11 consumer product in the Philippines;  
12 (e) Its general make or active ingredients;  
13 (f) The net quantity of contents, in terms of weight, measure or  
14 numerical count rounded off to at least the nearest tenths in the metric  
15 system;  
16 (g) Country of manufacture, if imported; and

1 (h) If a consumer product is manufactured, refilled or repacked  
2 under license from a principal, the label shall so state the fact.

3 (i) THE AMOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING NUTRIENTS: TOTAL  
4 FAT, SATURATED FAT, CHOLESTEROL, SODIUM, TOTAL  
5 CARBOHYDRATES, COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES, SUGARS,  
6 DIETARY FIBER, AND TOTAL PROTEIN CONTAINED IN EACH  
7 SERVING SIZE OR UNIT OF MEASURE

8 (j) WHETHER THE PRODUCT CONTAINS ARTIFICIAL  
9 FLAVORING, ARTIFICIAL COLORING OR CHEMICAL  
10 PRESERVATIVES.

11 The following may be required by the concerned department in  
12 accordance with the rules and regulations they will promulgate under  
13 authority of this Act:

- 14 (a) whether it is flammable or inflammable;
- 15 (b) directions for use;
- 16 (c) warning of toxicity
- 17 (d) wattage, voltage or ampères; or
- 18 (e) process of manufacture used, if necessary

19 Any word, statement or other information required by or under  
20 authority of the preceding paragraph shall appear on the label or labeling  
21 with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements,  
22 designs or devices therein, and in such terms as to render it likely to be  
23 read and understood by the ordinary individual under customary  
24 conditions of purchase or use.

25 The above requirements shall form an integral part of the label  
26 without danger of being erased or detached under ordinary handling of  
27 the product."

1           SECTION 2. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
2 rules and regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions  
3 of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

4           SECTION 8. **Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
5 its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,