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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Milk consumers are improperly informed about the contents of the milk they acquire from the market. There is also no uniform standards as to the contents of skim milk, low fat milk and milk beverage in final package.

The Constitution, Article II, Section 15 provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. In accordance with the constitutional mandate this bill provide for the proper labeling of milk products indicating distinctly in its package the non-fat and protein content of milk, and sets standards on the contents of milk solids that are not fat in the classification of skim milk, low fat milk and milk as beverage. With this innovation it is expected that the consuming public will be properly informed about the nutritional contents and value of the milk they consume. The quality of milk likewise be upgraded in order to conform with proper nutritional standards.

  
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE IDENTITY OF MILK AND  
REQUIRING THE LABELING THEREOF**

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

Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the "Milk Nutrition and Labeling Act."

Section 2. Milk labeling the following shall apply in establishing standards of identity for  
milk.

(a) Fluid milk shall indicate on its label such portion of milk which is non-fat.

(b) (1) Skim milk that is in final package form for beverage use shall contain not less  
than 0 percent of milk solids that are non-fat.

(2) Low fat milk that is in final package form for beverage use shall contain not  
less than 10 percent of milk solids that are non-fat.

(3) Milk that is in final package form for beverage use shall contain not less than  
87 percent of milk solids that are non-fat.

(c) The label on any milk any product shall prominently display the nutritional contents  
and value of the milk (i.e. protein)

Section 3. Separability Clause. If any provision, or part hereof is held invalid or  
unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain  
valid and subsisting.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity Date. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,