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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Foodborne illness costs lives and money. Several people become sick and die after eating contaminated or mishandled food. Children, the elderly and people with weak immune systems are particularly vulnerable to foodborne illness. One of the several ways to prevent the transmission of foodborne bacteria is by wearing gloves during food packaging and processing.

In view of this, the attached bill makes it mandatory to any person who is in direct contact with food ingredients in the preparation of food products in a food establishment to wear gloves that are made of non-absorbent material. This bill also provides the punishment to be imposed on any food establishment found to have violated this law.

The purpose of this bill is to safeguard public health and to provide consumers with food that is safe, unadulterated and hygienically prepared and presented.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

  
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**AN ACT  
REQUIRING THE WEARING OF GLOVES IN FOOD PREPARATION  
IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Title- This Act shall be known and cited as the "Wearing of  
Gloves in Food Preparations Act".

**SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this Act, "food establishment" includes a  
restaurant and any other place used in the production, preparation, manufacture,  
packing, storage or handling of food intended for sale or distribution for human  
consumption.

**SECTION 3.** Any person who is in direct contact with food ingredients in  
the preparation of food products in a food establishment to wear gloves that are  
made of non-absorbent material. The gloves are to be maintained in an intact,  
clean and sanitary condition and, if the gloves are designed for re-use, must be  
easily cleaned and sanitized.

**SECTION 4.** Any food establishment found to have violated this Act shall  
be divested of its license or permit to operate such establishment.

**SECTION 5.** Implementing Rules and Regulations- The Secretary of  
Health shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to  
implement the provisions of this Act within thirty (30) days after approval of this  
Act.

**SECTION 6.** All laws, decrees or executive issuances and any rules and  
regulations or any part thereof which may be inconsistent with any of the  
provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modifies  
accordingly.

**SECTION 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general publication.

Approved,