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**EXPLANATORY NOTE** 

Attention has been focused on the alarming decrease in the life span of women during our times. There is an increase in the premature passing away of females by reason of diseases such as breast cancer and or other diseases believed to be brought about by environmental factors. It has also been shown that environmental factors play a vital role in causing the immune dysfunction of women and mimic of women's human estrogen.

In accordance with the constitutional mandate to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, this bill authorizes the Secretary of Health to submit to Congress a report regarding environmental factors have on women's health. It is believed that with such report steps may be taken to remedy the alarming steps to be taken to remedy the alarming threat environmental factors pose to the health of women.\*

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<sup>\*</sup> This bill was originally filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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1 2 3	AN ACT REQUIRING A REPORT REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS ON WOMEN'S HEALTH
4 5	Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:
6	SECTION 1. Short Title This Act shall be cited as the "Women Health Environmental
7	Factors Act of 2007."
8	SECTION 2. Report on Effects of Environmental Factors on Women's Health The
9	Secretary of Health shall submit to Congress a report in accordance with the following:
10	(A) The report shall summarize the body of scientific knowledge on the effect that
11	environmental factors have on women's health. The report shall include description
12	of the known effects of environmental factors on breast cancer, on immune
13	dysfunction, and compounds that mimic human estrogen.
14	(B) The report shall specify an agenda for the conduct and support of research on the
15	effects that environmental factors have on women's health. The agenda shall specify
16	the categories of research that should receive priority. In the development of the
17	agenda, the summary prepared under paragraph (A) shall be considered, including
18	consideration of areas identified by the summary as having received insufficient
19	study.
20	SECTION 3. Date for Submission of Report The report under Section 2 shall be
21	submitted to Congress not later than one (1) year after the date of passage of this Act.

- SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
- 2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law of the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
- 3 valid and subsisting.
- 4 SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
- 5 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
- 6 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
- 7 SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
- 8 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
- 9 Approved,