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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article XIII, Section 12, provides:

“The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health manpower development and research, responsive to the country’s health needs and problems.”

This bill requires that food products treated with an additive, colorant, or any other method to enhance its appearance or flavor include a clear, conspicuous, and easily readable label on the packaging or menu stating so, and advising the consumer to check the ingredients to determine its possible detrimental effect. Additives such as sodium nitrate, monosodium glutamate and colorants are sometimes used so that the food served will last longer and taste better. Although the ingredients are necessary for consumer items sold in groceries, the practice of including ingredients in the menu or packaging served in food establishments is not observed.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed during the Fourteenth Congress, First Regular session.

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1 AN ACT
2 REQUIRING FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS TO DISCLOSE
3 THE INGREDIENTS OR ADDITIVES THAT THEY USE IN THEIR PRODUCTS
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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
6 *assembled:*

7 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be referred to as the "Food Establishment
8 Ingredient Disclosure Act."

9 SECTION 2. *Definitions.* - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

10 a. Food establishment - refers to any place where meals are served to customers. It shall
11 include but is not limited to restaurants, fast food chains, cafeterias and other similar
12 establishments.

13 b. Ingredient - Anything that is a component of a mixture in cooking.

14 SECTION 3. *Disclosure Requirement.* - Any person who serves any kind of food in any
15 food establishment, shall include a clear, conspicuous, and easily readable label on the packaging
16 or menu stating the ingredients, additives, and everything else that may have come in contact
17 with the food through its preparation such as nuts, animal fat, or other similar substances.

18 SECTION 4. *Penalty for non-observance.*-The business license of the food establishment
19 shall be revoked for failure to comply with the immediately preceding section.

20 SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or
21 unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions thereof shall remain valid and effective.

22 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, proclamations, rules and
23 regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
24 amended or modified accordingly.

1 SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its
2 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

3 Approved.