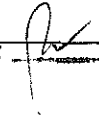


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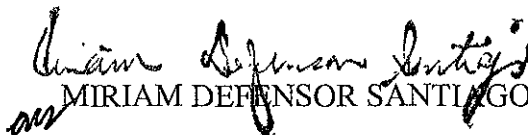
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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 13, Section 11 provides that:

SEC. 11. The State shall adopt and integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

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 the impact that environmental factors have on women's health. It is believed that with such a report, steps may be taken to remedy the alarming threat that environmental factors pose to the health of women.\*

  
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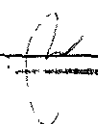
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1 AN ACT  
2 REQUIRING A REPORT REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS  
3 ON WOMEN'S HEALTH  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*  
6 *Congress assembled:*

7 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be cited as the "Women Health Environmental  
8 Factors Act."

9 SECTION 2. *Report on Effects of Environmental Factors on Women's Health.* - The  
10 Secretary of Health shall submit to Congress a report in accordance with the following:

11 (A) The report shall summarize the body of scientific knowledge on the effect that  
12 environmental factors have on women's health. The report shall include description of the known  
13 effects of environmental factors on breast cancer, on immune dysfunction, and compounds that  
14 mimic human estrogen.

15 (B) The report shall specify an agenda for the conduct and support of research on the  
16 effects that environmental factors have on women's health. The agenda shall specify the  
17 categories of research that should receive priority. In the development of the agenda, the  
18 summary prepared under paragraph (A) shall be considered, including consideration of areas  
19 identified by the summary as having received insufficient 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.

22 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or  
23 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain  
24 valid and subsisting.

1           SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
2 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent  
3 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

4           SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

6           Approved,