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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 11, Section 15 provides that "State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

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

In accordance with this constitutional mandate, this bill provides for the proper labelling of milk products indicating distinctly in its package the non-fat and protein content of the milk and sets standards on the contents of milk solids that are 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 informed about the nutritional contents and value of the milk they consume. The quality of milk will likewise be upgraded in order to conform to proper nutritional standards.<sup>1</sup>

*cc.*   
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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<sup>1</sup> This bill was originally filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session

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1 AN ACT  
2 ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE IDENTITY OF MILK AND REQUIRING THE  
3 LABELING THEREOF

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

4 SECTION 1, *Short Title*. - This Act may be cited as the "Milk Nutrition and Labelling  
5 Act."

6 SECTION 2. *Milk Labelling*. - The following shall apply in establishing standards of  
7 identity for milk:

8 (A) Fluid milk shall indicate on its label such portion of milk which is non-fat;

9 (B) Skim milk that is final package form for beverage use shall contain not less than nine  
10 percent (9%) of milk solids that are non-fat;

11 (C) Low fat milk that is in final package form for beverage use shall contain not less than  
12 ten (10%) of milk solids that are non-fat;

13 (D) Milk that is in final package form for beverage use shall contain not less than eight  
14 percent (8%) of milk solids that are non-fat;

15 (E) That label on any milk product shall prominently display the nutritional contents and  
16 value of the milk.

17 SECTION 3. *Separability Clause*. - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or  
18 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law of the provision not otherwise affected shall remain  
19 valid and subsisting.

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

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

Approved,