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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution:

“The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.”

This should be read in consonance with Article XIII, Section 22 which states, thus:

“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.”

Environmental and health risks remain largely unknown for the approximately 83,000 chemicals used in consumer products. The toxics information clearinghouse established in this bill would require a full disclosure of chemicals used in consumer products. This clearinghouse is the first step in raising public awareness about the chemicals that people use on a daily basis since it would identify chemicals of concern. It will also aid in developing standards and guidelines related to these toxic chemicals.

  
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AN ACT CREATING A TOXIC WASTE INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

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

3 SECTION 1. *Website.* Substances hazardous to public health, safety or the environment  
4 shall be posted on a website established and maintained by the Department of Environment and  
5 Natural Resources (DENR). The website shall provide chemical hazard traits and environmental  
6 and toxicological end-point data.

7 SECTION 2. *Consultation.* The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, in  
8 consultation with the Department of Health, shall evaluate the hazard traits and environmental  
9 and toxicological end-points and any other relevant data that are to be included in the  
10 clearinghouse.

11 SECTION 3. *Information sharing.* The DENR shall collaborate with other government  
12 agencies, international organizations, and other States to identify available data related to hazard  
13 traits and environmental and toxicological end-points and to facilitate the development of  
14 national and international data sharing arrangements to be included in the clearinghouse.

15 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or  
16 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or  
17 modified accordingly.

1           SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days  
2 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

3           Approved,