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AN ACT  
REQUIRING A REPORT REGARDING THE  
EFFECTS ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS HAVE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 states: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

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 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 effect environmental factors have on women's health. It is believed that with such a report, steps may be taken to remedy the alarming threat environmental factors pose on the health of women.<sup>1</sup>

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



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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Women’s Health  
2 Environmental Factors Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Report on Effects of Environmental Factors on Women’s Health.* –  
4 The Secretary of Health shall submit to Congress a report in accordance with the  
5 following:

6 (1) The report shall summarize the body of scientific knowledge on the effect that  
7 environmental factors have on women’s health. The report shall include description of  
8 the known effects of environmental factors on breast cancer, on immune dysfunction, and  
9 compounds that mimic human estrogen.

10 (2) The report shall specify an agenda for the conduct and support of research on  
11 the effects that environmental factors have on women’s health. The agenda shall specify  
12 the categories of research that should receive priority. In the development of the agenda,  
13 the summary prepared under paragraph (1) shall be considered, including consideration  
14 of areas identified by the summary as having received insufficient study.

15 SECTION 3. *Date for Submission of Report.* – The report under Section 2 shall be

1 submitted to Congress not later than one (1) year after the date of the enactment of this  
2 Act.

3 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or  
4 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other  
5 provisions hereof.

6 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or  
7 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby  
8 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

9 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
10 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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