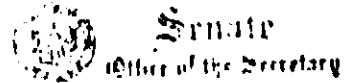


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 13, 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.

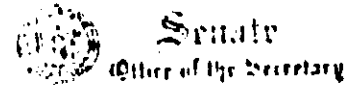
This bill requires that packaged meat treated with an additive, colorant, or any other method to enhance its appearance include a clear, conspicuous, and easily readable label on the packaging stating those details, and advising the consumer to check the packing date to determine its freshness. Additives such as carbon monoxide, vitamin E, and colorants are sometimes used so that meat appears fresher than it is. This practice can mask spoilage, and lead to consumers purchasing meat which is not as fresh as they believe.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This bill was originally filed during the Fourteenth Congress, Third Regular Session and refiled during the Fifteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Meat Additive  
2 Disclosure Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Packaging Requirement.* – Any person who packages meat for sale  
4 which has been treated using an additive, colorant, or any other method to enhance the  
5 appearance of the meat, including but not limited to carbon monoxide, vitamin E, or any  
6 other substance either approved or not by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to  
7 improve the appearance of the meat, shall include a clear, conspicuous, and easily  
8 readable label on the packaging stating:

9 THIS MEAT HAS BEEN TREATED TO ENHANCE  
10 ITS APPEARANCE. CHECK PACKING DATE TO  
11 DETERMINE FRESHNESS.

12 SECTION 3. *Penalty for Non-Observance.* – The business license of the meat  
13 packer shall be revoked for failure to comply with the immediately preceding section.

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

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

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

Approved,

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