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EXPLANATORY NOTE


Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides:

"The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health and consciousness among them."

Teratogen is an agent that causes abnormality after fetal exposure during pregnancy. The types of abnormalities are dependent on the genetic susceptibilities carried by the mother and the fetus. The chance for the baby to be born with a birth defect can also be caused by a teratogen in the environment, a prescribed medication, alcohol use, among others.

The proposed bill seeks to promote awareness and information for the public regarding the potential risks posed by the teratogens found in consumer products.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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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 “Teratogen
2 Regulatory Act.”

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4 Sec. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the term:

5 (A) “Department” means the Department of Health; and

6 (B) “Teratogen” refers to an agent, such as a virus, a drug, or
7 radiation that causes malformity of an embryo or fetus.

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9 Sec. 3. *Packaging Requirement.* – Any person who offers for sale any
10 consumer product that contains a known teratogen as identified by the
11 Department shall include a clear, conspicuous, and easily readable label on the
12 packaging stating:

13 “WARNING: This product contains a teratogen known to cause
14 birth defects and other reproductive hazards.”

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16 Sec. 4. *Duty of the Department of Health.* – The Department is required to
17 come up with a list of all known and proven teratogens and to inform the public
18 of their presence in products or the environment. It shall coordinate with the

1 proper government agencies to identify the presence of these teratogens in
2 products and industries.

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4 Sec. 5. *Penalties.* – The Department is empowered to establish and assess
5 penalties or fines against any person for violations of this Act or regulations
6 adopted under this Act. In no circumstances will any penalties or fines exceed
7 ten thousand pesos (P 10,000.00) for each day the permit holder remains in
8 violation.

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10 Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
11 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
12 provisions hereof.

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14 Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
15 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are
16 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,