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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Constitution, Article II, Section 15 provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." In accordance with the constitutional mandate, this bill provides for the proper labeling of milk products indicating distinctly in its package the non-fat and protein contents of milk solids that are non fat in the classification of skim milk, low fat and milk beverage. With this innovation it is expected that the consuming public will be properly informed about the nutritional contents and value of the milk they consume. The quality of milk will likewise be upgraded in order to conform with proper nutritional standards.

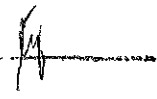
In view hereof, the early passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE LABELING OF MILK

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act may be cited as the "**Milk Nutrition and Labeling Act**".

SEC 2. *Milk Labeling.* The following standards shall apply in identifying milk:

- (a) Fluid milk shall indicate on its label such portion of milk which is non-fat;
- (b)
 - (1) Skim milk, that is in its final package form for beverage use, shall contain not less than nine percent (9%) of milk solids that are non-fat;
 - (2) Milk, that is in its final package form for beverage use, shall contain not less than ten percent (10%) of milk solids that are non-fat;
 - (3) Milk, that is in its final package form for beverage use, shall contain not less than 8.7 percent of milk solids that are non-fat;
- (c) The label on any milk product shall prominently display the nutritional contents and value of the milk (i.e. protein).

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

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

SEC 5. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,