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House Bill No. 4016



Introduced by HON. HENRY R. VILLARICA
4th District, Bulacan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The database of the Cancer Coalition of the Philippines (CCP) indicates that as of 2017 eleven new cases of cancer were reported daily. Seven adults die of the disease every hour, and eight children die from it every day. In 2012 the CCP also cited 189 out of 100,000 Filipinos have been afflicted with cancer.

The Coalition has then described cancer "as a growing and serious public health concern", and has called for the government's action towards a comprehensive cancer control program. Part of this program is cancer prevention, which according to the World Health Organization (WHO), offers the greatest public health potential and the most cost-effective long-term method of cancer control.

This proposed bill seeks to promote cancer prevention by mandating the Department of Health (DOH) to create a database of carcinogens to be made available in all health centers and at their website. A database of products that contain these carcinogens shall also be made available. This will educate the public on known and probable carcinogens, to allow them to make reasonable decisions on the potential risks these carcinogens pose and to avoid excessive exposure from these.

This bill was filed during the 17th Congress but due to time constraints no further action was taken on it. It is re-filed for the consideration of this 18th Congress.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT CREATING A DATABASE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING PROBABLE
CARCINOGENS

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Probable Carcinogen Information Act”.

SEC. 2. *Carcinogen Defined.* – Carcinogen refers to any substance or radiation that is directly involved in the existence of cancer or the increase of its spread.

SEC. 3. *Database of Carcinogens.* – The Department of Health (DOH) shall create a database of known and probable carcinogens which shall be available at all health centers and at their website. There shall also be a database of products that contain these carcinogens. A product may be delisted only if the manufacturers prove that they have taken the carcinogen out of their production process.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,