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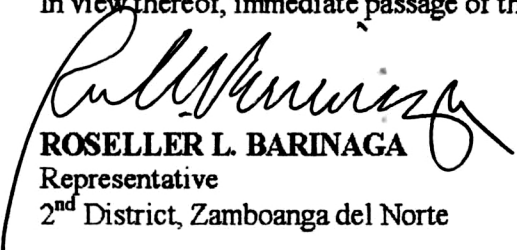
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution of 1987 clearly defines the policy of the State to protect the life of the unborn child from conception. This constitutional provision is also understood to protect the unborn from the harmful physical and mental effects of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

This bill proposes to mandate all liquor manufacturers and/or distributors to ensure that all liquor bottles, regardless of alcohol content, shall carry a warning that alcohol intake during pregnancy is hazardous to the life and health of the unborn child.

The carries certain penalties for violations of this Act.

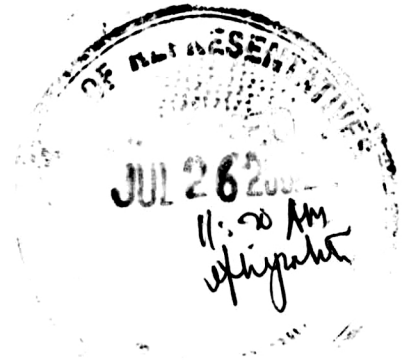
In view thereof, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
TO REQUIRE LIQUOR MANUFACTURER AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR TO PUT ALL
LIQUOR BOTTLE A WARNING LABEL THAT ALCOHOL INTAKE DURING
PREGNANCY IS HAZARDOUS TO THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF THE UNBORN
CHILD

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

SECTION 1. National Policy. It is hereby declared to be the national policy to protect the life of the unborn child from conception from the harmful physical and mental effects of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

SEC. 2. Policy Implementation. All liquor bottles, regardless of alcohol content, shall carry a warning that alcohol intake during pregnancy is hazardous to the life and health of the unborn child.

Any liquor manufacturer and/or distributor who shall violate this Act shall suffer a fine ranging—

a) from Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) to Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) – for the first offense;

b) from Ten Thousand Pesos but not more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) – for the second offense;

c) from Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) to Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) and suspension of the license to manufacture and/or distribute the liquor, plus fine from Fifty to One Hundred Thousand Pesos.

SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of Health shall carry out the provisions of this Act by issuing the necessary rules and regulations and monitoring its implementation.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity* This Act shall take effect one (1) year from its approval and publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulations.

Approved.