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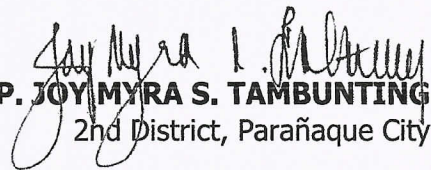
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cancer incidence and mortality is rapidly growing worldwide. The global cancer burden is expected to exceed 28 million by 2040—a 47% increase from 2020 numbers. Presently, cancer is among the leading causes of death among Filipinos. More than 140,000 new cancer cases and more than 80,000 cancer deaths are expected in the Philippines every year. The Cancer Coalition of the Philippines considers cancer to be a “growing and serious public health concern” in the country, with around seven adults and eight children dying from this disease every day.

Considering these alarming statistics, the State must proactively adopt measures towards cancer prevention and increasing survivorship among Filipinos. In this light, this measure proposes create a database of known and probable carcinogens which shall be available at all health centers and at their website. Providing the public with adequate information about these carcinogens and the risks from exposure to these would be a huge step towards increasing cancer prevention consciousness among the public.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the comm
on good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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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,