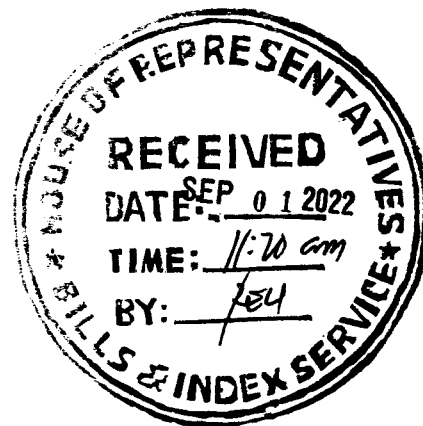


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4325



Introduced by HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cancer is among the leading causes of morbidity and mortality worldwide. It is one of the four epidemic non-communicable diseases (NCDs) which include cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus and chronic respiratory diseases. In a study by Dr. Antonio Miguel Dans, "Introduction to Non-Communicable Diseases", NCDs are now considered a "silent disaster" of massive proportion ravaging the Filipino population.

The Cancer Coalition of the Philippines (CCP) has described cancer "as a growing serious public health concern" and has called out the government to effectively include cancer prevention in its cancer control program. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) this is the greatest public health potential and 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 for carcinogens to be made available in all health centers and at their website. A database of products that contain these carcinogens, to allow them to make reasonable decisions on the potential risks these carcinogens pose and to avoid excessive exposure therefrom.

This bill was filed during the 17th and 18th Congresses but due to time constraints no further action was taken on it. It is re-filed for the consideration of this 19th Congress.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT CREATING A DATABASE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING PROBABLE
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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,