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**HOUSE BILL NO. 8235**



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Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed measure seeks to give teeth to the Constitutional mandate of protecting consumers from substandard or hazardous products. It also seeks to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot avoid them.

Specifically, this bill aims to strengthen the information dissemination and consumer education of regulatory bodies and agencies by establishing a Product Safety Online Information Center. It shall contain recalls, prohibitions, bans, defects, and other relevant safety information on consumer products or their ingredients or components.

The goal is to combat fraud against the consumers in a simple and accessible manner. The website can provide simple access to information on any manufacturer, retailer or distributor. This is an easy way of preventing common scams and frauds by eliminating the need to tedious individual research on different products.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ONLINE INFORMATION**  
**CENTER ON RECALL, PROHIBITION, DEFECT AND OTHER SAFETYRELATED**  
**DATA ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND MOTOR VEHICLES**

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

**SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Product Safety Online Information Center Act.*”

**Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the State to protect the welfare and interests of consumers especially against unsafe and defective products. Hence, the State must take implement measures to prevent the proliferation of such products in the market and to provide information to the general public on recalls, prohibitions, bans, defects and other relevant safety information.

**Sec. 3. Product Safety Information Center.** – An online, publicly accessible website shall be established containing recalls, prohibitions, bans, defects, and other relevant safety information on consumer products and motor vehicles, or their ingredients or components. The features of the said website are as follows:

- a) Searchable list of all valid and existing product recalls, prohibitions. bans, defect notices, and other relevant safety information;
- b) Alerts on latest recalls, prohibitions, bans, defect notices, and other safety announcements;

- c) Simple, plain-language explainers of recalls, prohibitions, bans, defect notices, and other safety announcements in English, Filipino, and other local languages or dialects as may be necessary;
- d) A platform for reports and complaints on possible safety issues and information on how to spot and detect unsafe or defective products through labels, identification numbers, batch and lot numbers, vehicle identification numbers (VIN), etc.;
- e) Information on how to reach and contact manufacturers, retailers, distributors, and other related businesses connected with recalled, prohibited, banned, or defective products;
- f) Integration with existing consumer complaint and grievance procedures of the implementing government agencies;
- g) Such other feature and information as the implementing government agencies may deem necessary in order to foster convenience, quick access, and a user-friendly and practical interface.

**Sec. 4. *Responsibilities of Implementing Government Agencies.*** – The duty to keep the information and features of the website up-to-date, clear, and easily understandable for the general public shall fall upon the following agencies:

- a) Department of Health (DOH) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with respect to food, drugs, cosmetics, devices and substances;
- b) Department of Agriculture (DA) and Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) with respect to products related to agriculture, including fertilizers and pesticides;
- c) Land Transportation Office (LTO) with respect to motor vehicles; and
- d) Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) with respect to other consumer products.

The above agencies shall enlist the technical assistance of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) for the setting up and maintenance of the website and its support infrastructure.

**Sec. 5. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations for the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

**Sec. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH, FDA, DA, FPA, LTO, DTI, and DIGT, in coordination with other relevant government agencies, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

**Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or any part thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*