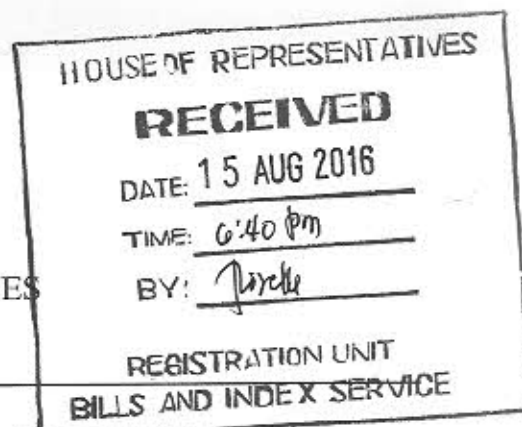


SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
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H.B. No. **2934**



Introduced by Representative H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

AN ACT
REGULATING THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF MERCURY THERMOMETERS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides:

Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Mercury is an element which is highly toxic to the human nervous system and can cause permanent impairment of speech, hearing, movement and vision even when exposure occurs at very low levels. A very common use of mercury has been fever thermometers. Mercury fever thermometers are easily broken and the result is exposure to mercury. A home fever thermometer contains 1.59 grams of mercury.¹

Some hospitals in the United States such as Beth Israel Medical Center in NYC and Strong Memorial have instituted mercury-free policies, replacing various sources of

¹ <http://assembly.state.ny.us/?bn=A01563>

mercury with alternatives. There are a number of alternatives to mercury fever thermometers, including electronic battery operated and infrared aural thermometers.²

To prevent instances of unnecessary exposure to mercury caused by broken mercury fever thermometers, this bills aims to regulate the sale and purchase of mercury thermometers.³



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² *Id.*

³ This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, First Regular Session., and subsequently refiled in the Sixteenth Congress, Second Regular Session.

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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE NOTICE ON ANY
CHARGES OR CONVICTION AGAINST THEM TO THEIR DEPARTMENT OR
AGENCY HEAD

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be referred to as the “Notification of
2 Charges or Conviction Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Duty to Report.* – An employee in Government service who is
4 charged in an information or criminal complaint with any crime in any court or who is
5 convicted of a crime in any court shall immediately provide the head of the department or
6 agency employing the employee with notice of the charges or the conviction.

7 SECTION 3. *Notice.* – The written notice shall in no case be later than thirty (30)
8 calendar days from knowledge thereof and shall identify the date that the charge or
9 conviction occurred.

SECTION 4. *Penalties.* – Any person who violates any provision of this Act shall be subject to a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) and suspension from service for a period of not less than six (6) months without pay.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,