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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 632

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT; TO REQUIRE WARNING LABELS FOR HAIR RELAXERS THAT CONTAIN CERTAIN CHEMICALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT; AND TO REQUIRE WARNING LABELS FOR HAIR RELAXERS THAT CONTAIN CERTAIN CHEMICALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 56, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-56-224. Labeling of hair relaxers – Legislative findings – Definitions.

(a) The General Assembly finds that certain chemicals used in hair relaxers are linked to harmful impacts on health, such as cancer, birth defects, damage to the reproductive system, organ system toxicity, and endocrine disruption.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) Carcinogen" means any chemical identified as:

(A) A "Group 1 carcinogen" or "Group 2A carcinogen" by the World Health Organization or International Agency for Research on Cancer;

(B) A "known to be a human carcinogen" and "reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen" by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the Public Health Service Act,



42 U.S.C. § 241(b)(4), existing on January 1, 2025; and

(C) "Group A carcinogens" or "Group B carcinogens" by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

(2) "Hair relaxer" means any product topically applied to hair for the purpose of weakening the structure and curliness of the hair fiber and allowing for a straightening of the hair; and

(3) "Reproductive toxicant" means any chemical identified as a reproductive or a developmental toxicant by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Toxicology Program, Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction.

(c)(1) A hair relaxer being offered for sale in this state that contains a carcinogen or a reproductive toxicant shall provide a clear and conspicuous warning label displayed on the packaging or product itself, which shall be printed in type no less than size twelve-point font, that notifies the consumer at the time of the sale that the hair relaxer contains a carcinogen or reproductive toxicant.

(2) The warning label shall state:

(A) If a product contains a carcinogen: "This product contains a chemical known to cause cancer";

(B) If a product contains a reproductive toxicant: "This product contains a chemical known to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm"; or

(C) If a product contains both a carcinogen and a reproductive toxicant: "This product contains chemicals known to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm".