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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FRANKEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Household Product  
5 Labeling Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. LABELING REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN HOUSE-**  
7                               **HOLD PRODUCTS.**

8       (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this Act:

1           (1) CONSUMER PRODUCT.—The term “con-  
2           sumer product” has the meaning given the term in  
3           section 3 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15  
4           U.S.C. 2052).

5           (2) COVERED PRODUCTS.—The term “covered  
6           products” consists of the following consumer prod-  
7           ucts:

- 8                   (A) Household cleaning products.
- 9                   (B) Air fresheners and deodorizers.
- 10                  (C) Floor and furniture polish.
- 11                  (D) Dishwashing soap.
- 12                  (E) Drain cleaners.
- 13                  (F) Laundry detergent and dryer sheets.
- 14                  (G) Epoxies.
- 15                  (H) Paints or stains.
- 16                  (I) Any other similar consumer product  
17                  designated by the Consumer Product Safety  
18                  Commission for purposes of this Act.

19           (3) INGREDIENTS.—The term “ingredients”,  
20           with respect to a covered product, includes any fra-  
21           grance, dye, or preservative, and any component of  
22           such fragrance, dye, or preservative, included in  
23           such product.

24           (4) INTERSTATE COMMERCE.—The term “inter-  
25           state commerce” has the meaning given the term in

1 section 2 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act  
2 (15 U.S.C. 1261).

3 (5) LABEL.—The term “label” has the meaning  
4 given such term in such section 2.

5 (b) LABELING REQUIREMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each covered product intro-  
7 duced or delivered for introduction into interstate  
8 commerce shall bear a label that states completely,  
9 accurately, and legibly all of the ingredients of such  
10 product.

11 (2) STANDARD LIST OF INGREDIENTS.—The  
12 Consumer Product Safety Commission shall pre-  
13 scribe in the rules required by subsection (d) a  
14 standardized list of the ingredients known to be in-  
15 cluded in covered products in order to ensure the  
16 uniform statement of ingredients on covered prod-  
17 ucts in labels on covered products under this Act.

18 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—Beginning on the date that is  
19 540 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, any  
20 covered product that is introduced or delivered for intro-  
21 duction into interstate commerce in violation of subsection  
22 (b) shall be treated as a misbranded hazardous substance  
23 within the meaning of section 2(p) of the Federal Haz-  
24 ardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261(p)).

1           (d) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Consumer Product  
3 Safety Commission shall prescribe rules to carry out this  
4 Act.

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