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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,



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

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

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

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

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

17 (2) The warning label shall state:

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

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

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