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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 876 File No. 383 Cal. No. 312

"AN ACT CONCERNING MERCURY WARNINGS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Not later than
4 January 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Public Health shall develop and
5 publish in convenient pamphlet form a consumer notice about
6 mercury in fish and shellfish which shall be posted on the Department
7 of Public Health's Internet web site for downloading and printing by
8 consumers and by stores and establishments required to display such
9 pamphlets pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Such consumer
10 notice shall contain (1) information about the nutritional value of fish
11 and shellfish, (2) a warning about the harmful effects of mercury on
12 pregnant and nursing women, women who may become pregnant and
13 young children, (3) advice about the types of fish and shellfish that
14 pregnant and nursing women, women who may become pregnant and
15 young children should avoid, and (4) toll-free telephone numbers and
16 Internet web site addresses that consumers may access for additional

17 information about the risks of mercury in fish and shellfish, including,
 18 but not limited to: The federal Food and Drug Administration's Food
 19 Information Hotline, the federal Food and Drug Administration's Food
 20 Safety web site, the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Fish
 21 Advisory web site and the Department of Environmental Protection's
 22 web site.

23 (b) On and after January 15, 2006, no store or establishment engaged
 24 in the retail sale of fish may sell fish or shellfish to consumers in this
 25 state, unless the owner or operator of the store or establishment has (1)
 26 made copies of the pamphlet developed pursuant to subsection (a) of
 27 this section available to consumers in close proximity to the fish or
 28 shellfish being sold, and (2) signage indicating the availability of
 29 pamphlets describing the potential harmful effects of mercury in fish
 30 or shellfish."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section