

A Bill to Require the Minimum Age to Purchase and Consume Energy Drinks to 21 Years of Age

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The minimum age to purchase and consume energy drinks will be 21
3 years of age.

4 **SECTION 2.** Energy drinks are defined as a beverage or substance that exceeds a
5 caffeine content of seventy-one milligrams per twelve ounce serving and
6 contains glucuronolactone and taurine or a soft drink that is classified as
7 a dietary supplement and contains eight or more milligrams of caffeine
8 per eight fluid ounces and contains various vitamins and ingredients
9 which are advertised to increase energy.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the Food and
11 Drug Administration regarding this bill.

12 A. The FDA has been investigating energy drinks and the adverse effects
13 of their consumption for many years. These findings include reports
14 of atrial fibrillation and myocardial infarction in youth between the
15 ages of 14 and 19 years of age. In 1980, the FDA proposed eliminating
16 caffeine from soft drinks, but faced resistance and instead place a
17 limit on caffeine added to carbonated beverages to seventy-one
18 milligrams per twelve ounce serving.

19 B. The Department of Health and Human Services has published
20 emergency room data related to the consumption of energy drinks.
21 Between the years 2005-2011, the number of emergency room visits
22 due to adverse reactions from energy drinks increased significantly
23 with over 14,000 patients in 2011.

24 C. Retailers will be responsible for verifying the age of consumers when
25 selling energy drinks. These restrictions will be enforced by the Food
26 and Drug Administration and failure to comply with the legislation will
27 result in fines no less than \$1,000. Retailers may face criminal

28 prosecution as part of an FDA compliance action for repeatedly failing
29 to comply with legislation.

30 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in
31 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Direct to Consumer Pharmaceutical Ads for Prescription Drugs.

[Protect consumers, ban the ads.]

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Direct to consumer pharmaceutical ads for prescription drugs should be
3 banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** The FDA oversees Pharmaceutical Television ads..

5 A. Current ads are misleading and manipulative. Consumers don't
6 always get a full picture of the risks of the drug. Images in these ads
7 are misleading.

8 B. Doctors prescribe these drugs not the consumer.

9 C. Pharmaceutical drugs cost more because the pharmaceutical
10 companies fold in the cost of television ads into the drug costs.

11 **SECTION 3.** A. The only two countries in the world who allow direct to consumer
12 pharmaceutical ads are the United States and New Zealand. The
13 United States needs put protection of the consumers as the highest
14 goal and discontinue this practice.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on [insert date here, formatted as "FY
16 2021" or "July 1, 2021" but not "July 1st"]. All laws in conflict with this
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.