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H.B. No. 300

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 300:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring warning signs regarding mercury levels in
3 certain fish.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 436, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 436.004 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 436.004. WARNING SIGN REGARDING MERCURY LEVELS IN
8 CERTAIN FISH. (a) A retail fish dealer shall post a warning sign in
9 a conspicuous location where it is readily visible by persons
10 purchasing fresh or previously frozen fish. The executive
11 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission by rule
12 shall specify the size and graphic design of the sign. The sign
13 must be printed in the two languages that are most commonly spoken
14 in the area in which the dealer is located and contain wording in
15 those languages equivalent to the following:

16 ATTENTION WOMEN CONSIDERING BECOMING PREGNANT, PREGNANT
17 WOMEN, NURSING MOTHERS, AND PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

18 Some fish and shellfish, especially large fish such as shark,
19 swordfish, king mackerel, and tilefish, contain high levels of
20 mercury that may harm the developing nervous system of a child.

21 For more information about the risks of mercury in fish and
22 shellfish call the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's food
23 information line toll-free at (insert toll-free telephone number).

24 (b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human

1 Services Commission shall adopt rules to administer this section.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.