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## AN ACT

To regulate the manufacture and sale and to prevent the adulteration and misbranding of disinfectants deodorants antiseptics and germicides for external use to regulate the labeling of such preparations to provide for the standardization of such disinfectants deodorants antiseptics and germicides and providing penalties for the violation of this act

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*  
4 all disinfectants deodorants antiseptics and germicides for  
5 external use manufactured or sold in the State of Penn-  
6 sylvania shall bear a label showing the phenol co-efficient  
7 or relative germicidal strength of such preparations as com-  
8 pared with pure phenol in determining the relative germi-  
9 cidal value of disinfectants deodorants antiseptics and germi-  
10 cides the application of "Hygenic Laboratory Phenol Co-

1 efficient" method of the United States Public Health Ser-  
2 vice shall be employed and deodorants disinfectants and anti-  
3 septics having no germicidal strength must be plainly  
4 labeled and sold as such and such preparations as have  
5 no germicidal strength shall not be labeled "disinfectants"  
6 or sold as such

7 Section 2 Any and all disinfectants deodorants antiseptics  
8 and germicides for external use shall be considered as  
9 misbranded if the directions on the label or package or  
10 in any printed matter accompanying and referring to same  
11 recommends a higher dilution than that warranted by the  
12 "Hygienic Laboratory Phenol Co-efficient" possessed by said  
13 particular disinfectant according to the standard established  
14 by the United States Public Health Service

15 Section 3 All specifications for the purchase of disin-  
16 fectants and general disinfecting work done under the au-  
17 thority of the government of this State or any political  
18 subdivision of the State or any municipality therein shall  
19 be based on the comparative cost per hundred units of  
20 efficiency of the disinfectant offered as compared with one  
21 hundred units of pure phenol and the products shall be  
22 purchased which shows the lowest cost per hundred units  
23 of co-efficiency compared with one hundred units of pure  
24 phenol when tested according to the Hygienic Laboratory  
25 Phenol Co-efficient method employed by the United States  
26 Public Health Service and all such products shall be readily  
27 soluble in water

28 Section 4 The labeled phenol co-efficiency of disinfectants  
29 deodorants antiseptics and germicides shall be the co-effi-

1 ciency as determined by the Hygienic Laboratory of the  
2 United States Public Health Service Whenever any viola-  
3 tions of this act are reported to the State Pharmaceutical  
4 Board of Pennsylvania it shall be their duty to forthwith  
5 initiate and follow up presecutions therefor

6. Section 5 Any person firm or corporation which shall  
7 misbrand any disinfectant deodorant antiseptic or germicide  
8 for external use within the meaning of this act in this  
9 State or shall sell or offer for the same for sale in  
10 this State shall be adjudged guilty