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By: **Delegate Franchot**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Cellular Telephones - Required Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring manufacturers of cellular telephones sold in the State  
4 to place on each cellular telephone a sticker containing a certain notice;  
5 providing that a failure of a manufacturer to comply with this Act is an unfair  
6 and deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article - Commercial Law  
9 Section 14-1316  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Commercial Law**

15 14-1316.

16 (A) MANUFACTURERS OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES SOLD IN THE STATE SHALL  
17 PLACE ON EACH CELLULAR TELEPHONE A STICKER THAT CONTAINS THE  
18 FOLLOWING NOTICE IN AT LEAST 10 POINT BOLDFACE TYPE:

19 "WARNING: SOME STUDIES HAVE LINKED CELLULAR TELEPHONE RADIATION  
20 TO A HIGHER RISK OF BRAIN CANCER, PARTICULARLY IN CHILDREN 16 YEARS AND  
21 YOUNGER. USE OF A HEADSET OR SPEAKER PHONE REDUCES THIS RISK."

22 (B) THE FAILURE OF A MANUFACTURER TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF  
23 THIS SECTION IS AN UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE UNDER TITLE 13 OF  
24 THIS ARTICLE.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2001.

