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To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish provisions regarding the composition and labeling of dietary supplements.

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A BILL

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establish provisions regarding the composition and labeling of dietary supplements.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Health Freedom Act
5 of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) DIETARY SUPPLEMENT.—Section 201 of the
8 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
10 graph:

11 “(ff) The term ‘dietary supplement’ means an article
12 that—

13 “(1) includes, and is intended to supplement
14 the diet with—

15 “(A) a vitamin;

16 “(B) a mineral;

17 “(C) an herb; or

18 “(D) another similar nutritional substance,
19 including a concentrate or extract of an item
20 described in clause (A), (B), or (C); and

21 “(2)(A) is intended for ingestion in a form de-
22 scribed in paragraph (1)(B)(i) or (2) of section
23 411(c), or another similar form; or

24 “(B) complies with section 411(c)(1)(B)(ii).”.

1 (b) DRUG.—Section 201(g)(1) of such Act is amend-
2 ed by adding at the end the following: “A dietary supple-
3 ment shall not be considered to be a drug solely because
4 of the potency of a substance in the dietary supplement.
5 A dietary supplement shall not be considered to be a drug
6 under clause (B) solely because the labeling or advertising
7 for the supplement contains a claim, or provides informa-
8 tion, that is described in section 413(b) and meets the re-
9 quirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of such
10 section, or that concerns the potency of a substance in
11 the supplement.”.

12 (c) FOOD ADDITIVE.—Section 201(s) of such Act is
13 amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (1) through
15 (5) as clauses (A) through (E), respectively;

16 (2) by inserting “(1)” after “(s)”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) A substance in a dietary supplement is not a
19 food additive if the substance is identified in the labeling
20 of the dietary supplement as a substance provided by the
21 product to supplement the diet.”.

22 **SEC. 3. DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter IV of the Federal Food,
24 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amend-
25 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 413. LABELING AND ADVERTISING OF DIETARY SUP-**
2 **PLEMENTS.**

3 “(a) DESCRIPTION.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
4 vision of this Act, an article that is a dietary supplement
5 may be described as a dietary supplement in labeling or
6 advertising.

7 “(b) RELATIONSHIP TO DISEASE OR HEALTH-RE-
8 LATED CONDITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision
9 of this Act, labeling or advertising for a dietary supple-
10 ment may include a claim or other information that char-
11 acterizes the relationship of the dietary supplement, or of
12 one or more of the substances provided by the dietary sup-
13 plement, or of the absence of one or more of the sub-
14 stances, to a disease or health-related condition, if—

15 “(1) such claim or other information is truthful
16 and not misleading; and

17 “(2) there is scientific evidence, whether pub-
18 lished or unpublished, that provides a reasonable
19 basis for such claim or other information.

20 “(c) PROHIBITION ON PRIOR APPROVAL OR REGULA-
21 TION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
22 the Secretary shall not establish any requirement that
23 such a claim or other information that meets the require-
24 ments specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection
25 (b) shall be approved by or conform to a regulation issued

1 by the Secretary before the claim or information may be
2 used.

3 “(d) ACTIONS.—

4 “(1) RIGHT OF ACTION.—If the Secretary as-
5 serts that labeling or advertising for a dietary sup-
6 plement includes such a claim or other information
7 that fails to comply with paragraph (1) or (2) of
8 subsection (b), whether the Secretary makes the as-
9 sertation in a warning letter issued by an officer or
10 employee of the Department, or in connection with
11 another action to enforce a provision of this Act, the
12 manufacturer, processor, packer, distributor, or re-
13 tailer, of the dietary supplement, or other person to
14 whom the assertion is addressed, may—

15 “(A) bring an action in a United States
16 district court in any appropriate judicial district
17 under section 1391 of title 28, United States
18 Code, to secure a declaratory judgment regard-
19 ing the validity of the assertion; and

20 “(B) obtain any other means of judicial re-
21 view authorized by law.

22 “(2) INFERENCE.—The absence of any action
23 described in subparagraph (A) or (B) in paragraph
24 (1) with respect to an assertion shall not establish
25 any inference that the assertion is valid.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 403(r)(5)
2 of such Act (21 U.S.C. 343(r)(5)) is amended by striking
3 clause (D).

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