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# S. 1233

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2001

Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Product Packaging  
5       Protection Act of 2001”.

6       **SEC. 2. TAMPERING WITH CONSUMER PRODUCTS.**

7       Section 1365 of title 18, United States Code, is  
8       amended—

9               (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as  
10       subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

1           (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
2       lowing new subsection (f):

3       “(f)(1) Whoever, without the consent of the manufac-  
4       turer, retailer, or authorized distributor, intentionally  
5       tampers with a consumer product that is sold in interstate  
6       or foreign commerce by knowingly placing or inserting any  
7       writing in the consumer product, or the container for the  
8       consumer product, before the sale of the consumer product  
9       to any consumer shall be fined under this title, imprisoned  
10      not more than three years, or both.

11      “(2) As used in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the  
12      term ‘writing’ means any form of representation or com-  
13      munication, including handbills, notices, or advertising,  
14      that contain letters, words, or pictorial representations.”.

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