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CELL PHONE SAFETY BILL LC 1273 INTRODUCED BY OREGON SENATOR CHIP SHIELDS FEBRUARY 4th WILL REQUIRE WARNING LABELS ON ALL NEW CELL PHONES SOLD IN OREGON.

February 4th, 2010 the Oregon Senate introduced legislation that will require warning labels on all new cell phones and cell phone packaging sold in Oregon. The legislation was inspired by similar legislation introduced in the state of Maine in April of 2010 (HP1207, LD 1706) under the name of "The Children's Wireless Protection Act." The bill will require that a warning label be placed on the phone as well as its packaging by the product retailer. The label will be supplied by the manufacturer. **This is the first bill in the world to address the health "non thermal" effects from a radiation-emitting device. The FCC and the FDA do not regulate "non-thermal" radiation-emitting devices.**

State Senator Chip Shields introduced bill LC 1273 (and amend ORS 646.608) in Oregon. The bill is co-sponsored by the health committee chair Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Sen. Alan Bates (co-chair human services subcommittee), Sen. Rod Monroe (co-chair education subcommittee), Rep. Jim Thompson (co-chair health committee), Rep. Ben Cannon (health care, co-vice chair). This is the first bill to address the health effects of non-thermal radiation.

The bill is in response to increasing public awareness of many independently funded scientific studies, mostly from Europe, that show a link between cell phone use and brain cancer and other health problems. **Cell phones were introduced to market with no pre-market safety testing by the FDA or the FCC.** Senator Shields feels that Oregon is obligated to do what it can to protect its citizens from the potential hazards of cell phone use.

Cell phones are considered of particular risk to children. France has banned advertising aimed at children and has taken other precautionary measures to warn against cell phone use by children under 12. Children are different from adults as they have a unique vulnerability. They have "windows of susceptibility" when their organs and systems may be particularly sensitive to the effect of radio frequency radiation. **"The W.H.O. Considers the protection of the children's health from possible negative influence of the EMF of mobile phones as a highest priority task."** (Russian National Committee on Non Ionizing Radiation Protection)

The need for such legislation is evident when reviewing these quotes from the FCC website and from current manuals (from Motorola) that are supplied with cell phones:--

FCC WEBSITE AS OF OCT, 2010

2) "The Commission has stressed repeatedly that it is not a health and safety agency and would defer to the judgment of these expert agencies with respect to determining appropriate levels of safe exposure to RF energy."

- 3) "Under the law, FDA does not review the safety of radiation-emitting consumer products such as mobile phones before marketing..."
- 4) "there is no federally developed national standard for safe levels of exposure to radiofrequency (RF) energy"
- 5) "The Commission has stressed repeatedly that it is not a health and safety agency and would defer to the judgment of these expert agencies with respect to determining appropriate levels of safe exposure to RF energy."

MOTOROLA MANUAL AS OF OCT. 2010

- 6) Use hands-free if available and keep the Blackberry at least .98 in. from your body, "INCLUDING THE ABDOMEN OF PREGNANT WOMEN AND THE LOWER ABDOMEN OF TEENAGERS"
- 7) A few animal studies, however, have suggested that low levels of RF could accelerate the development of cancer in laboratory animals. In one study, mice genetically altered to be predisposed to developing one type of cancer developed more than twice as many such cancers when they were exposed to RF energy compared to controls."
- 8) "When 20 types of tumors were considered separately however, an association was found between mobile phone use and one rare type of glioma, neuroepitheliomatous tumors"
- 9) "None of these tests showed any effect of the RF except for the micronucleus assay, which detects structural effects on the genetic material. The cells in this assay showed changes after exposure to simulated cell phone radiation"
- 10) "When tumors did exist in certain locations, however, they were more likely to be on the side of the head where the mobile phone was used."
- 11) "Some people who have used mobile phones have been diagnosed with brain cancer."

- **The following is a summary of a study published on January 2, 2011 in India:**

It's official now: Radiation from your cell phone may be killing you

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After many years of debate over the health hazards posed by mobile phones, a recent report finally establishes it. f Girish Kumar of IIT-Bombay's department of electrical engineering. who has done extensive research on cell phone radiation and its effects.