

# Tanning Transparency & Notification Act of 2012

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## New Tanning Legislation Introduced

On April 19th of this year, a new Bill was introduced by Sen. John “Jack” Reed [D-RI] and cosponsored by Sen. John “Johnny” Isakson [R-GA].

### **S. 2301: Tanning Transparency and Notification Act of 2012 112th Congress, 2011–2012**

A bill to help prevent the occurrence of cancer resulting from the use of ultraviolet tanning lamps by providing sufficient information to consumers regarding the health risks associated with the use of such devices.

This Bill asks for the FDA to put into effect the new labeling requirements that they found could more effectively convey the risks of tanning beds to the user, this testing was done in 2008.

With the current labeling requirements the warning looks something like this:

**DANGER** - Ultraviolet radiation. Follow instructions. Avoid overexposure. As with natural sunlight, overexposure can cause eye and skin injury and allergic reactions. Repeated exposure may cause premature aging of the skin and skin cancer.

WEAR PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR; FAILURE TO MAY RESULT IN SEVERE BURNS OR LONG-TERM INJURY TO THE EYES.

Medications or cosmetics may increase your sensitivity to the ultraviolet radiation. Consult physician before using sunlamp if you are using medications or have a history of skin problems or believe yourself especially sensitive to sunlight. If you do not tan in the sun, you are unlikely to tan from the use of this product.

A revised label could look like this:

**DANGER – Ultraviolet Radiation**

Avoid overexposure- It may cause severe burns

Read instructions carefully

Ultraviolet Radiation causes:

- Skin Cancer
- Injury to the Eyes and Skin
- Skin Aging

**WEAR PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR TO PREVENT EYE INJURY**

Certain medicines or cosmetics can increase your sensitivity to ultraviolet radiation – Consult your physician before tanning

Senator Reed is not new to advocating for tanning bed legislation. He and Senator Isakson introduced a similar Bill in 2006, that may have lead to the FDA consumer testing in 2007 and subsequent findings that a more clear warning label could have an impact on warning tanning bed users of the danger.

**HPAC Co-chair Maura Flynn contacted Senator Reed's office and will be speaking with his Legislative Assistant next week to define how we can best support this Bill.**

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