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Governor Signs Legislation to Regulate Spice Cannabinoids/K2

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Kurt Schaefer is pleased to announce the signing of legislation to criminalize the possession of spice cannabinoids – also known as K2. The drugs are smoked for their euphoric effects similar to marijuana, and are sold over the counter in many locations, sometimes being marketed as incense.

House Bill 1472, handled in the Senate by Sen. Schaefer, contains language similar to Senate Bill 887, which he also introduced in the Senate.

"The drugs targeted in this legislation are widely available and contain noxious chemicals and other substances that are quite dangerous. They are widely known by the medical community to cause severe side effects and were never intended for human consumption," Sen. Schaefer said. "I am glad to see this bill signed into law to protect our citizens, and especially our younger and most impressionable population."

To see available summaries and the full text for HB 1472, please visit Sen. Schaefer's website at www.senate.mo.gov/schaefer and click on his sponsored bill link. Should you have a question or concern about this or any other facet of the Missouri Legislature, feel free to contact Sen. Schaefer's office.