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Missouri Senate Gives Final Approval to Senator Norma Champion's Anti-Meth Bill

JEFFERSON CITY – A measure co-sponsored by State Sen. Norma Champion, R- Springfield, to curb the production of methamphetamine in Missouri received final passage in the Senate today, allowing the bill to advance to the House of Representatives for similar consideration.

Senate Bill 10, which incorporates language requested by the governor, requires that cold medicines containing pseudoephedrine (a primary ingredient in meth production) be purchased only from pharmacists or registered pharmacy technicians. The legislation also prohibits individuals from purchasing more than nine grams of the medicine within a 30-day period. Each purchase is then logged in a database that police could access. The legislation exempts gel capsule and syrup forms of pseudoephedrine-based medicines as dry-tablets are typically the form used in meth production.

“This legislation is a significant step toward a victory over meth,” Champion said. “Cold and sinus medicines were created to help us, not hurt us. We are doing what we can to ensure that medicine intended to cure does not instead continue to be a scourge of society.”

The initiative spawned from Oklahoma's success with similar restrictions that have been in place for nearly a year. Since the law's inception, the Sooner State has touted an 80-percent decrease in the number of meth-lab seizures. Related federal legislation is also in the works.

“I am pleased that this move has gained support from lawmakers,” Champion said. “With the federal and state governments working together to explore and enforce this avenue of the war on meth, we can get the dangerous drug off our streets, out of our neighborhoods and away from our children.”

Approval from the House will send the bill to the governor's desk, where it must be signed to become law.

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