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Sen. Norma Champion's Drug Monitoring Bill Receives Final Approval from Senate

JEFFERSON CITY — Today the Missouri Senate unanimously gave a final approving vote to a bill sponsored by Sen. Norma Champion (R-Springfield) that strengthens the monitoring procedures for certain over-the-counter and prescription drugs. [Senate Bill 732](#) now moves to the House for similar consideration.

Under current law, pharmacies maintain a paper log and document any transactions where the customer purchases products that contain pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient in the production of methamphetamine. Senate Bill 732 requires pharmacies to switch to an electronic, rather than written, log and that the real-time log include the signature of the buyer, the name of the product, and the date and time of the purchase. The act also specifies that the photo ID provided by the buyer of pseudoephedrine products be issued by a state or the federal government.

“The prolific use and production of methamphetamine in Missouri requires us to take greater strides in monitoring the products that are used to make this extremely harmful substance,” Sen. Champion said. “By strengthening the monitoring requirements and adding a real-time log to our toolbox, we can better prevent individuals from purchasing more pseudoephedrine products than is allowed by law.”

Sen. Champion sponsored anti-meth legislation in 2005, which effectively moved products that contain pseudoephedrine behind the pharmacy counter. According to the Missouri Highway Patrol, law enforcement seized 1,285 active and previously occupied meth labs in 2007. In Greene County, where Senator Champion resides, 21 illegal meth operations were uncovered in 2007.

“The devastating effects of meth cannot be understated,” Sen. Champion said. “By putting these additional restrictions in place, we are helping to fight a drug that rips apart families and communities and leads individuals down a path of self-destruction.”

If the bill is approved by the House, it will move to the governor's desk for signing into law.

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