

## State Senator Norma Champion

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## Sen. Norma Champion's Anti-Meth Legislation Signed by Governor *Governor's Signature Enacts SB* 724 *into Law*

JEFFERSON CITY — Missouri now has some of the strongest anti-methamphetamine laws in the country after the governor today signed legislation sponsored by Sen. Norma Champion (R-Springfield), effectively enacting <u>SB 724</u> into law.

Prior to SB 724, pharmacies were required to maintain a paper log and document any transactions where the customer purchases products that contain pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient used in the production of methamphetamine. Sen. Champion's legislation requires pharmacies to upgrade to an electronic, rather than written, log that records when a pseudoephedrine product is purchased and who is the purchaser. The new law also specifies that the photo ID provided by the buyer of pseudoephedrine products be issued by a state or the federal government and shown prior to the purchase.

"I applaud Gov. Blunt for signing this measure without hesitation," Sen. Champion said. "Meth producers have found ways to get around the 2005 law, so an update of the statute was necessary. Now that the monitoring procedures are much stronger, buying the ingredients needed to make meth will be considerably more difficult."

Sen. Champion sponsored landmark anti-meth legislation in 2005, which successfully moved products that contain pseudoephedrine behind the pharmacy counter and implemented purchase logs.

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