

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1485

AN ACT

To repeal sections 195.417 and 579.060, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to limits on selling or purchasing certain drugs, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 195.417 and 579.060, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 195.417 and 579.060, to read as follows:

195.417. 1. The limits specified in this section shall not apply to any quantity of such product, mixture, or preparation which must be dispensed, sold, or distributed in a pharmacy pursuant to a valid prescription.

2. Within any thirty-day period, no person shall sell, dispense, or otherwise provide to the same individual, and no person shall purchase, receive, or otherwise acquire more than the following amount: any number of packages of any drug product containing any detectable amount of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, either as:

- (1) The sole active ingredient; or
- (2) One of the active ingredients of a combination drug; or
- (3) A combination of any of the products specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection;

in any total amount greater than seven and two-tenths grams, without regard to the number of transactions.

3. Within any twenty-four-hour period, no pharmacist, intern pharmacist, or registered pharmacy technician shall sell, dispense, or otherwise provide to the same individual, and no person shall purchase, receive, or otherwise acquire more than the following amount: any number of packages of any drug product containing any detectable amount of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, either as:

(1) The sole active ingredient; or

(2) One of the active ingredients of a combination drug; or

(3) A combination of any of the products specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection;

in any total amount greater than three and six-tenths grams without regard to the number of transactions.

4. Within any twelve-month period, no person shall sell, dispense, or otherwise provide to the same individual, and no person shall purchase, receive, or otherwise acquire more than the following amount: any number of packages of any drug product containing any detectable amount of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, either as:

(1) The sole active ingredient; or

(2) One of the active ingredients of a combination drug; or

(3) A combination of any of the products specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection;

in any total amount greater than ~~forty-three~~ sixty-one and two-tenths grams, without regard to the number of transactions.

5. All packages of any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any detectable quantity of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, except those that are excluded from Schedule V in subsection 17 or 18 of section 195.017, shall be offered for sale only from behind a pharmacy counter where the public is not permitted, and only by a registered pharmacist or registered pharmacy technician under section 195.017.

6. Each pharmacy shall submit information regarding sales of any compound, mixture, or preparation as specified in this section in accordance with transmission methods and frequency established by the department by regulation.

7. No prescription shall be required for the dispensation, sale, or distribution of any drug product containing any detectable amount of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, in an amount within the limits described in subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall report to the revisor of statutes and the general assembly by February first when the statewide number of methamphetamine laboratory seizure incidents exceeds three hundred incidents in the previous calendar year. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on April first of the calendar year in which the revisor of statutes receives such notification.

8. This section shall supersede and preempt any local ordinances or regulations, including any ordinances or regulations enacted by any political subdivision of the state. This section shall not apply to the sale of any animal feed products containing ephedrine or any naturally occurring or herbal ephedra or extract of ephedra.

9. Any local ordinances or regulations enacted by any political subdivision of the state prior to August 28, 2020, requiring a prescription for the dispensation, sale, or distribution of any drug product containing any detectable amount of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, in an amount within the limits described in subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section shall be void and of no effect and no such political subdivision shall maintain or enforce such ordinance or regulation.

10. All logs, records, documents, and electronic information maintained for the dispensing of these products shall be open for inspection and copying by municipal, county, and state or federal law enforcement officers whose duty it is to enforce the controlled substances laws of this state or the United States.

11. All persons who dispense or offer for sale pseudoephedrine and ephedrine products, except those that are excluded from Schedule V in subsection 17 or 18 of section 195.017, shall ensure that all such products are located only behind a pharmacy counter where the public is not permitted.

12. The penalty for a knowing or reckless violation of this section is found in section 579.060.

579.060. 1. A person commits the offense of unlawful sale, distribution, or purchase of over-the-counter methamphetamine precursor drugs if he or she knowingly:

(1) Sells, distributes, dispenses, or otherwise provides any number of packages of any drug product containing detectable amounts of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts, optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, in a total amount greater than seven and two-tenths grams to the

same individual within a thirty-day period, unless the amount is dispensed, sold, or distributed pursuant to a valid prescription; or

(2) Purchases, receives, or otherwise acquires within a thirty-day period any number of packages of any drug product containing any detectable amount of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers in a total amount greater than seven and two-tenths grams, without regard to the number of transactions, unless the amount is purchased, received, or acquired pursuant to a valid prescription; or

(3) Purchases, receives, or otherwise acquires within a twenty-four-hour period any number of packages of any drug product containing any detectable amount of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers in a total amount greater than three and six-tenths grams, without regard to the number of transactions, unless the amount is purchased, received, or acquired pursuant to a valid prescription; or

(4) Sells, distributes, dispenses, or otherwise provides any number of packages of any drug product containing detectable amounts of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts, optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, in a total amount greater than ~~forty-three~~ sixty-one and two-tenths grams to the same individual within a twelve-month period, unless the amount is dispensed, sold, or distributed pursuant to a valid prescription; or

(5) Purchases, receives, or otherwise acquires within a twelve-month period any number of packages of any drug product containing any detectable amount of ephedrine,

phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers in a total amount greater than ~~forty-three~~ sixty-one and two-tenths grams, without regard to the number of transactions, unless the amount is purchased, received, or acquired pursuant to a valid prescription; or

(6) Dispenses or offers drug products that are not excluded from Schedule V in subsection 17 or 18 of section 195.017 and that contain detectable amounts of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts, optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, without ensuring that such products are located behind a pharmacy counter where the public is not permitted and that such products are dispensed by a registered pharmacist or pharmacy technician under subsection 11 of section 195.017; or

(7) Holds a retail sales license issued under chapter 144 and knowingly sells or dispenses packages that do not conform to the packaging requirements of section 195.418.

2. A pharmacist, intern pharmacist, or registered pharmacy technician commits the offense of unlawful sale, distribution, or purchase of over-the-counter methamphetamine precursor drugs if he or she knowingly:

(1) Sells, distributes, dispenses, or otherwise provides any number of packages of any drug product containing detectable amounts of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, in a total amount greater than three and six-tenth grams to the same individual within a twenty-four hour period, unless the amount is dispensed, sold, or distributed pursuant to a valid prescription; or

(2) Fails to submit information under subsection 13 of section 195.017 and subsection 6 of section 195.417 about the sales of any compound, mixture, or preparation of products containing detectable amounts of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine, or any of their salts, optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, in accordance with transmission methods and frequency established by the department of health and senior services; or

(3) Fails to implement and maintain an electronic log, as required by subsection 12 of section 195.017, of each transaction involving any detectable quantity of pseudoephedrine, its salts, isomers, or salts of optical isomers or ephedrine, its salts, optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers; or

(4) Sells, distributes, dispenses or otherwise provides to an individual under eighteen years of age without a valid prescription any number of packages of any drug product containing any detectable quantity of pseudoephedrine, its salts, isomers, or salts of optical isomers, or ephedrine, its salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers.

3. Any person who violates the packaging requirements of section 195.418 and is considered the general owner or operator of the outlet where ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine products are available for sale shall not be penalized if he or she documents that an employee training program was in place to provide the employee who made the unlawful retail sale with information on the state and federal regulations regarding ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine.

4. The offense of unlawful sale, distribution, or purchase of over-the-counter methamphetamine precursor drugs is a class A misdemeanor.