



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 392**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5476

*House of Representatives, April 5, 2006*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONTROLLING THE SALE OF METHAMPHETAMINE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Any person who sells  
2 or offers for sale at retail any drug product or combination of drug  
3 products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or  
4 phenylpropanolamine, or their salts, isomers or salts of isomers, shall  
5 (1) store such drug products or combination of drug products in a  
6 location that is inaccessible to consumers, and (2) require consumers to  
7 request and purchase such drug products or combination of drug  
8 products at the counter.

9 (b) No person shall purchase, receive or otherwise acquire more  
10 than nine grams of any drug product or combination of drug products  
11 containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine, or  
12 their salts, isomers or salts of isomers within any thirty-day period.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |             |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2006</i> | New section |

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill restricts the retail sale and purchase of drug products which could be used to manufacture methamphetamine. There is no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**  
**sHB 5476**

***AN ACT CONTROLLING THE SALE OF METHAMPHETAMINE.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill restricts the retail sale and purchase of drug products that could be used to manufacture methamphetamine. It requires anyone selling at retail any drug product or combination of such products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine, or their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers to :

1. store these drug products in a place inaccessible to consumers (behind the counter) and
2. require consumers to request and purchase the products at the counter.

The bill prohibits a person from buying, receiving, or otherwise obtaining more than nine grams (basically three packages) of any drug product or combination containing the substances noted above within any 30-day period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006

**BACKGROUND**

***Methamphetamine Precursors***

Methamphetamine precursors, the main ingredients in cooking methamphetamine, are pseudoephedrine (or ephedrine or phenylpropanolamine ). Pseudoephedrine is a drug commonly found in over-the-counter cold medicines.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/17/2006)