

HB 991 -- Meth Lab Elimination Act

Sponsor: Schatz

This bill removes all methamphetamine precursor drugs from the list of Schedule IV and Schedule V controlled substances and reclassifies them to the list of Schedule III. As a result of the reclassification, a physician's prescription will be required to obtain any of these drugs unless the product is exempt under these provisions or is a dietary supplement, herb, or natural product that contains naturally occurring ephedrine alkaloids if the substances do not exceed 15% of the total weight of the supplement, herb, or natural product.

The bill allows, upon the written application of a manufacturer, the Department of Health and Senior Services to exempt by rule any product containing any of these methamphetamine precursor drugs from these provisions if the product is proven to not be feasible for the conversion of the active ingredient into methamphetamine. Upon notification from the State Highway Patrol that it has probable cause to believe that a product exempted by these provisions is feasible for conversion into methamphetamine, the department may issue an emergency rule revoking the exemption for the product pending a full hearing.

These provisions are to be known as the Meth Lab Elimination Act and will expire August 28, 2015.