

HB 632 -- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Act

Sponsor: Frederick

This bill establishes the Prescription Drug Monitoring Act. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop a program, subject to appropriations, to establish and maintain a program to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of all Schedule II through Schedule V controlled substances by all licensed professionals who prescribe or dispense these substances in Missouri;
- (2) Requires a dispenser to electronically submit to the department information for each prescription and specifies the frequency of the submissions;
- (3) Allows the department to issue a waiver to a dispenser who is unable to submit the required information electronically. If a waiver is obtained, a dispenser can submit the required information in paper format or by other approved means;
- (4) Requires all submitted prescription information to be confidential with specified exceptions. The department must review the dispensation information and, if there is reasonable cause to believe a violation of law or breach of professional standards may have occurred, the department must notify the appropriate law enforcement or professional regulatory entity and provide dispensation information required for an investigation;
- (5) Authorizes the release of non-personal, general information for statistical, educational, and research purposes;
- (6) Authorizes the department to contract with other state agencies or private vendors to implement the bill;
- (7) Contains penalty provisions for dispensers and authorized persons who violate provisions of the bill;
- (8) Requires the department to implement an educational course regarding the provisions of the bill and, when appropriate, to work with associations for impaired professionals to ensure the intervention, treatment, and ongoing monitoring of patients who have been identified as being addicted to substances monitored by the bill;
- (9) Requires the department to develop and implement an electronic logbook to monitor the sale of Schedule V controlled substances containing pseudoephedrine; and

(10) Requires the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs within the department to establish beginning January 1, 2012, a two-year statewide pilot project for the reporting of fraudulently obtained prescription controlled substances. The bureau must submit on or before February 1, 2013, and February 1, 2014, a report to the General Assembly detailing specified information regarding the pilot project.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2012.

The provisions of the bill regarding the pilot project will expire three years from the effective date and the other provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.