

HB 658 -- METH LAB ELIMINATION ACT (Schatz)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety

This bill removes all methamphetamine precursor drugs except those in a liquid or liquid-filled gel capsule form 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 except those in a liquid or liquid-filled gel capsule form. These provisions are to be known as the Meth Lab Elimination Act.

The bill also specifies that current provisions regarding the required logging and recording of the sales as well as the storage of these drugs behind the counter away from public access will continue to apply to the liquid and liquid-filled gel capsule forms of these drugs.

The provisions of the bill will expire August 28, 2013.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$984,622 in FY 2012, \$582,396 in FY 2013, and \$97,575 in FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.