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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill adds a new section placing restrictions on the sale of methamphetamine precursor drugs. The restrictions include limitations on the amount of precursor drugs that may be sold in a single transaction, requirements for sales transactions, and limitations on monthly purchase amounts.

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1 Exceptions. Amends the current ephedrine statute to add a cross-reference to section 2. [Effective August 1, 2005, for crimes committed on or after that date.]

2 Sales of methamphetamine precursor drugs; criminal penalties; reporting.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines methamphetamine precursor drugs, over-the-counter sale, non-single-source drugs, and single-source drugs.

Subd. 2. Prohibited conduct. Provides criminal penalties and requirements relating to over-the-counter sale of methamphetamine precursor drugs. Places limitations on the amount of precursor drugs that may be sold in a single over-the-counter sale or purchased during a 30-day period. Requires business establishments to keep precursor drug packages behind the counter. Only a licensed pharmacist or licensed pharmacy technician is allowed to make the sale of precursor drugs. A buyer must show photo

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identification and sign a written log.

Subd. 3. Criminal penalty. Provides a misdemeanor penalty for a violation of subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. Exception to criminal penalty. Provides that this section does not apply to precursor drugs that are manufactured in a manner that prevents the drugs from being used to make methamphetamine.

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