

HB 1592 -- Controlled Substances

Sponsor: Lipke

This bill establishes the Drug Monitoring Act which requires the Department of Health and Senior Service to develop a program, subject to appropriations, 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. The dispenser is required to electronically submit to the department information for each prescription and the frequency of the submissions is specified. The department is allowed 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. All submitted prescription information is confidential. Exceptions to this requirement include violations of the law or breaches of professional standards which result in an investigation and the submission or the release of prescription information to authorized persons. The release of non-personal, general information is authorized for statistical, educational, and research purposes.

The selling, dispensing, purchasing, or receiving of ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or pseudoephedrine is prohibited by mail order or from a mobile retail vendor in any amount greater than 7.5 grams within any 30-day period or 3.6 grams within a 24-hour period.

The provisions regarding the Drug Monitoring Act will expire six years from the effective date.