



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 218

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 22, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 218 modifies existing state law regarding the regulation of legitimate medicinal products that contain pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine by adopting certain standards set forth in the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act (2005), a federal statute. Specifically, LB 218 makes the following changes;

- Increases the quantity of pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine base that a consumer may purchase in a 24 hour period, from the current limit of one thousand four hundred forty milligrams (1.440 grams) to a new limit of three and six-tenths grams (3.6 grams). The current standard was set before retailers were required to keep and maintain a log-book detailing the purchases of pseudoephedrine products. The additional accountability provided by the log-book requirement justifies an increase in the 24 hour purchase limit.
- Adopts an identical increase in allowable package sizes (sizes not greater than three and six-tenths grams of pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine base)
- Places into state law a 30 day purchase limit of nine grams of pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine base. This 30 day limit is currently required by federal law. By placing this limit into state law, LB 218 seeks to provide retailers and consumers with greater clarity of their legal rights to sell or purchase such products.

Principal Introducer:

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