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Introduced by Senators Proos, Ananich, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Casperson, Colbeck, Emmons, Jansen, Jones, Kowall, Marleau, Meekhof, Moolenaar, Nofs, Pappageorge, Pavlov, Rocca and Schuitmaker

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 756

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending sections 7340a and 17766f (MCL 333.7340a and 333.17766f), section 7340a as added by 2011 PA 84 and section 17766f as amended by 2011 PA 86.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 7340a. (1) Before completing a sale under section 17766f, a retailer shall electronically submit the required information to the national precursor log exchange (NPLEx) administered by the national association of drug diversion investigators (NADDI). A retailer shall not be required to pay a fee for using the NPLEx system.

(2) If a retailer selling a nonprescription product containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine experiences mechanical or electronic failure of the electronic sales tracking system and is unable to comply with the electronic sales tracking requirement, the retailer shall maintain a written log or an alternative electronic record-keeping mechanism until such time as the retailer is able to comply with the electronic sales tracking requirement.

(3) NADDI shall provide real-time access to NPLEx information through the NPLEx online portal to law enforcement in this state as authorized by state and federal law.

(4) The system described in subsection (1) shall be capable of generating a stop sale alert notifying the retailer that the person is prohibited from purchasing a nonprescription product containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine due to a conviction reported under the methamphetamine abuse reporting act or that completing the sale will result in the

seller's or purchaser's violating the quantity limits set forth in section 17766f. Except as otherwise provided by law, the seller shall not complete the sale if the system generates a stop sale alert. The system shall contain an override function that may be used by a dispenser of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine who has a reasonable fear of imminent bodily harm if the dispenser does not complete a sale. Each instance in which the override function is utilized shall be logged by the system.

(5) A person's failure to comply with the record-keeping or sales verification requirements of this section does not create a civil cause of action for damages to any other person arising out of that failure absent a direct and proximate cause, and the person is immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of that failure.

(6) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00.

Sec. 17766f. (1) A person who possesses products that contain any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any detectable quantity of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, a salt or optical isomer of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, or a salt of an optical isomer of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine for retail sale under a license issued under the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51 to 205.78, shall not knowingly do any of the following:

(a) Sell any product described under this subsection to an individual under 18 years of age.

(b) Sell more than 3.6 grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine alone or in a mixture to any individual on any single calendar day.

(c) Sell more than 9 grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine alone or in a mixture to any individual within a 30-day period.

(d) Sell in a single over-the-counter sale more than 2 personal convenience packages containing 2 tablets or capsules each of any product described under this subsection to any individual.

(e) Sell any product described under this subsection to an individual during the period in which a stop sale alert is generated for that individual based upon criminal history record information provided under the methamphetamine abuse reporting act. The NPLEx system shall contain an override function that may be used by a dispenser of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine who has a reasonable fear of imminent bodily harm if the dispenser does not complete a sale. Each instance in which the override function is utilized shall be logged by the system.

(2) This section does not apply to the following:

(a) A pediatric product primarily intended for administration to children under 12 years of age according to label instructions.

(b) A product containing pseudoephedrine that is in a liquid form if pseudoephedrine is not the only active ingredient.

(c) A product that the state board of pharmacy, upon application of a manufacturer or certification by the United States drug enforcement administration as inconvertible, exempts from this section because the product has been formulated in such a way as to effectively prevent the conversion of the active ingredient into methamphetamine.

(d) A product that is dispensed pursuant to a prescription.

(3) A person who violates this section is responsible for a state civil infraction as provided under chapter 88 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.8801 to 600.8835, and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation.

(4) It is an affirmative defense to a citation issued under subsection (1)(a) that the defendant had in force at the time of the citation and continues to have in force a written policy for employees to prevent the sale of products that contain any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any detectable quantity of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, a salt or optical isomer of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, or a salt of an optical isomer of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine to persons under 18 years of age and that the defendant enforced and continues to enforce the policy. A defendant who proposes to offer evidence of the affirmative defense described in this subsection shall file and serve notice of the defense, in writing, upon the court and the prosecuting attorney. The notice shall be served not less than 14 days before the hearing date.

(5) A prosecuting attorney who proposes to offer testimony to rebut the affirmative defense described in subsection (4) shall file and serve a notice of rebuttal, in writing, upon the court and the defendant. The notice shall be served not less than 7 days before the hearing date and shall contain the name and address of each rebuttal witness.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a city, township, village, county, other local unit of government, or political subdivision of this state shall not impose any new requirement or prohibition pertaining to the sale of a product described under subsection (1) that is contrary to, or in any way conflicting with, this section. This subsection does not invalidate or otherwise restrict a requirement or prohibition described in this subsection existing on December 15, 2005.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 1, 2015.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 535 of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor