

HB 1775 -- PRESCRIPTIONS FOR EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE

SPONSOR: Lovasco

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill prohibits any department, county, city, or political subdivision from enacting any ordinances that require a prescription prior to the sale or delivery of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the ban is financially burdensome because a person has to pay for a doctor's appointment before he or she can get the medication. While the purpose is noble, it is not effective.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lovasco; Consumer Healthcare Products Association; Missouri Pharmacy Association, and Missouri Retailers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that when an ordinance of this type passed in Branson, the cooking of methamphetamine and the arrests went way down. Localities should have the option of keeping ordinances like this.

Testifying on the bill was City of Branson.