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REGOLA, BROWNE AND LOGAN, MARCH 23, 2006

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 23, 2006

AN ACT

1 Providing for a program to address the illicit manufacture of  
2 methamphetamines in underground laboratories.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Meth Watch  
7 Program Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Precursor substance." Any product containing ephedrine,  
13 pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine or its salts or optical  
14 isomers or salts of optical isomers as an active ingredient.

15 "Program." The Meth Watch Program established under section  
16 3.

17 Section 3. Establishment.

1 The Office of Attorney General shall establish the Meth Watch  
2 Program to address the proliferation of the illicit manufacture  
3 of methamphetamine in small underground laboratories using over-  
4 the-counter cold medications and other products.

5 Section 4. Meth Watch Program.

6 The program shall include the following components:

7 (1) Development of strategies to curtail the theft and  
8 suspicious sales of precursor substances and other household  
9 commodities used in the illicit manufacturing of  
10 methamphetamines.

11 (2) Promotion of cooperation between retailers, their  
12 employees and law enforcement agencies to address the  
13 diversion of legitimate products to manufacture  
14 methamphetamines.

15 (3) Establishment of a voluntary public-private  
16 partnership that allows retailers to contribute to the  
17 funding of the program and to provide consultation with the  
18 Office of Attorney General to develop the program.

19 (4) Increase in awareness by pharmacists, retailers and  
20 their employees of methamphetamine production and the manner  
21 in which certain substances are diverted from legal products  
22 into methamphetamines.

23 Section 5. Participation by retailers.

24 Participation in the program by retailers and pharmacies  
25 shall be voluntary.

26 Section 6. Powers and duties.

27 The Office of Attorney General shall have the following  
28 powers and duties:

29 (1) To produce printed materials to be used by the  
30 following:

1           (i) Pharmacists and retailers for the education of  
2 employees about the use of precursor products to  
3 manufacture methamphetamines.

4           (ii) Potential purchasers to inform them of the  
5 penalties and dangers of the manufacture of  
6 methamphetamines.

7           (iii) The general public to increase public  
8 awareness of methamphetamine and its impact on  
9 communities.

10          (2) To utilize funds contributed by pharmacies,  
11 retailers, pharmaceutical manufacturers or other entities or  
12 funds appropriated by the Federal Government or the General  
13 Assembly to develop and implement the program.

14 Section 7. Expiration.

15 The provisions of this act shall expire December 31, 2008.

16 Section 8. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.