

SENATE BILL No. 302

AN ACT creating a controlled substances monitoring task force;
prescribing the duties thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The legislature recognizes the important public health benefits of the appropriate and legal medical use of controlled substances, and also the significant risk to public health that can arise due to the illegal diversion or abuse of such substances. The legislature finds that an electronic controlled substances prescription monitoring system could be a timely resource for physicians and other practitioners to assist them in the delivery of appropriate health care services, and also to be an investigative resource for law enforcement agencies to assist their efforts to discourage illegal diversion of controlled substances.

(b) In order to promote the public health and discourage the abuse of controlled substances, there is hereby established a controlled substances monitoring task force which shall develop a plan for the creation and implementation of: (1) A controlled substances prescription monitoring program; and (2) an electronic purchase log, which shall be capable of, in real-time, checking compliance with all state, federal and local laws concerning the sale of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. Such plan shall include suggestions for future action by the legislature in regard to the prescription monitoring program and electronic purchase log. It is not the intent of the legislature, nor shall the prescription monitoring program developed by the task force be used to discourage or interfere with the prescribing of controlled substances by physicians and other practitioners for legitimate medical purposes.

(c) The task force shall consist of 11 members as follows: The attorney general or the attorney general's designee, one member appointed by the Kansas health policy authority, one member appointed by the director of the Kansas bureau of investigation, two members appointed by the board of pharmacy, one member appointed by the board of healing arts, one member appointed by the Kansas medical society, one member appointed by the Kansas association of osteopathic medicine, one member appointed by the Kansas pharmacists' association, one member appointed by the Kansas state dental association and one member appointed by the Kansas hospital association.

(d) The appointments shall be made within 30 days after the effective date of this act. The initial meeting of the task force shall be convened within 90 days after the effective date of this act by the board of pharmacy at a time and place designated by the board. The task force shall elect a chairperson and may elect any additional officers from among its members necessary to discharge its duties. All task force members shall serve without compensation.

(e) The task force shall report its findings and conclusions to the legislature on or before January 14, 2008.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.