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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 296

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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A REAL-TIME ELECTRONIC  
16 LOGBOOK FOR A PHARMACY TO RECORD PURCHASES OF  
17 EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, AND  
18 PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE; TO REQUIRE A PHARMACY TO  
19 ENTER CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS INTO THE ELECTRONIC  
20 LOGBOOK; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS CRIME  
21 INFORMATION CENTER TO MAINTAIN AND CONTROL ACCESS  
22 TO THE ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES  
23 FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE AND ACCESS; AND FOR  
24 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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27 TO PROVIDE FOR A REAL-TIME ELECTRONIC  
28 LOGBOOK FOR A PHARMACY TO RECORD  
29 PURCHASES OF PSEUDOPHEDRINE AND OTHER  
30 SIMILAR SUBSTANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
31 MAINTENANCE AND ACCESS TO THE REAL-TIME  
32 ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK; AND FOR PENALTIES.  
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 SECTION 1. Legislative findings.

4 The General Assembly finds that:

5 (a) Act 256 of 2005 requires that sales involving products containing  
6 ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine be recorded into a  
7 written or electronic log at each individual pharmacy;

8 (b) Since the passage of Act 256 of 2005, the state has experienced a  
9 significant decrease in the manufacture of methamphetamine;

10 (c) At this time, the state does not have a centralized real-time  
11 electronic logbook that can record purchases at a pharmacy of products  
12 containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine; and

13 (d) In order to assist law enforcement in its efforts to combat  
14 methamphetamine, the state needs a centralized real-time electronic logbook  
15 to document transactions made at pharmacies that involve the sale of products  
16 containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine.

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-64-1103(c)(1), concerning a pharmacy's  
19 duty to maintain a log of its transactions involving the sale of ephedrine,  
20 pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine, is amended to read as follows:

21 (c)(1) A pharmacy shall:

22 (A) ~~maintain~~ Maintain a written or electronic log or  
23 receipts of transactions involving the sale of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or  
24 phenylpropanolamine; and

25 (B) Enter any transaction required to be maintained by  
26 this section into the real-time electronic logbook maintained by the Arkansas  
27 Crime Information Center under § 5-64-1104.

28 (2) A person purchasing, receiving, or otherwise acquiring  
29 ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine is required to:

30 (A) Produce current and valid proof of identity; and

31 (B) Sign a written or electronic log or receipt that  
32 documents the date of the transaction, the name of the person, and the  
33 quantity of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine purchased, received, or otherwise  
34 acquired.

35 (3) The requirements of subdivisions (c)(1) and (c)(2)(B) are  
36 satisfied by entering the information required to be produced into the real-

1 time electronic logbook maintained by the Arkansas Crime Information Center  
2 under § 5-64-1104.

3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 64, Subchapter 11 is amended  
4 to add additional sections to read as follows:

5 5-64-1104. Real-time electronic logbook.

6 (a)(1) Subject to available funding, on or before May 15, 2008, the  
7 Arkansas Crime Information Center shall provide pharmacies in this state  
8 access to a real-time electronic logbook for the purpose of entering into the  
9 real-time electronic logbook any transaction required to be reported by § 5-  
10 64-1103.

11 (2) The real-time electronic logbook shall have the capability  
12 to calculate both state and federal ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or  
13 phenylpropanolamine purchase limitations.

14 (b) The Arkansas Crime Information Center may contract with a private  
15 vendor to implement this section.

16 (c) The Arkansas Crime Information Center shall not charge a pharmacy  
17 any fee:

18 (1) To support the establishment or maintenance of the real-time  
19 logbook; or

20 (2) For any computer software required to be installed as part  
21 of the real-time electronic logbook.

22 5-64-1105. Confidentiality of information.

23 (a) Information entered into the real-time electronic logbook is  
24 confidential and is not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967,  
25 § 25-19-101 et seq.

26 (b) Except as authorized under § 5-64-1106 or otherwise by law, the  
27 Arkansas Crime Information Center shall not disclose any information entered,  
28 collected, recorded, transmitted, or maintained in the real-time electronic  
29 logbook.

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31 5-64-1106. Authorized access to the real-time electronic logbook.

32 The Arkansas Crime Information Center shall provide access to the real-  
33 time electronic logbook to the following:

34 (1) Any person authorized to prescribe or dispense products  
35 containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine for the purpose  
36 of providing medical care or pharmaceutical care;

1           (2) A local, state, or federal law enforcement official or a  
2 local, state, or federal prosecutor;

3           (3) A local, state, or federal official who requests access for  
4 the purpose of facilitating a product recall necessary for the protection of  
5 the public health and safety; and

6           (4) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the purpose of  
7 investigating a suspicious transaction, as allowed under § 5-64-1006.

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9           5-64-1107. Promulgation of rules.

10           The Arkansas Crime Information Center, after consulting with the  
11 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, shall promulgate rules necessary to:

12           (1) Implement the provisions of §§ 5-64-1103(c)(1)(B) and 5-64-  
13 1104 – 5-64-1110;

14           (2) Ensure the real-time electronic logbook enables a pharmacy  
15 to monitor the sales of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine  
16 occurring at that pharmacy;

17           (3) Allow a pharmacy to determine whether it will access  
18 information concerning sales of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or  
19 phenylpropanolamine made at other pharmacies in this state; and

20           (4) Ensure that the real-time electronic logbook does not allow  
21 access to a competitor's pricing information for ephedrine, pseudoephedrine,  
22 and phenylpropanolamine.

23           5-64-1108. Destruction of records.

24           The Arkansas Crime Information Center shall destroy any transaction  
25 record maintained in the real-time electronic logbook within two (2) years  
26 from the date of its entry unless the transaction record is being used in an  
27 ongoing criminal investigation or criminal proceeding.

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29           5-64-1109. Liability of pharmacy.

30           A pharmacy in this state is not liable civilly for a sale of ephedrine,  
31 pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine that occurs at another pharmacy in  
32 this state.

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34           5-64-1110. Penalty for unauthorized disclosure and unauthorized  
35 access.

36           (a) A person commits an offense if he or she knowingly:

