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### **Senate approves bill to clarify methamphetamine law** *Skinner says bill would create statewide pseudoephedrine tracking system*

INDIANAPOLIS— The Senate voted unanimously today to approve House Bill (HB) 1320 sponsored by State Senator Tim Skinner (D-Terre Haute). The proposal prohibits a retailer from selling, and a purchaser from purchasing, more than 3.6 grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine on one day, or nine grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine in a 30-day period.

To help customers understand the legal restrictions on these pharmaceutical ingredients, HB 1320 requires a retailer who sells drugs containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine to post a sign warning that the purchase of more than three grams of the substances is a criminal offense. Upon request, the clerk who is conducting the transaction is required to tell the purchaser how many grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are contained in the drugs being purchased.

"I'm happy with the bipartisan support for this legislation," said Sen. Skinner. "This bill will ensure that methamphetamine laws target the right people, while alerting consumers who purchase these products for valid health reasons of the legal restrictions."

HB 1320 also requires the Attorney General and the Indiana State Police to enter into a memorandum of understanding with an entity to provide a pseudoephedrine (PSE) tracking system. Retailers would be required to electronically transmit certain information concerning the sale of ephedrine and PSE to the statewide tracking system within 180 days after the State Police enters into a contract. The State Police would be required to report to the Legislative Council concerning the effectiveness of PSE electronic tracking in reducing the illicit production of methamphetamine.

HB 1320 will now return to the House where Senate changes to the bill will be considered.

For more information on Senator Skinner, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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