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Cold medicine sale restrictions proposed

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SPRINGFIELD – Stuffed-up Illinois shoppers would have to show a photo ID and sign a log in order to buy most cold medicines, under legislation Attorney General Lisa Madigan plans to push in the fall veto session.

"Illinois should not become a hunting ground for meth makers looking to buy or steal ephedrine and pseudoephedrine," Madigan said in a written release issued Friday.

Those chemicals, common in cold medicines, are a key ingredient in the manufacture of methamphetamine, a dangerous stimulant that is being cooked up in basements, sheds and even kitchens in East Central Illinois and around the state.

A state law that took effect in January limited sales of cold medicine to two packages at a time and required stores to keep them behind the counter or in locked cases. It also required special training for store employees and prohibits the sale of any amount of cold medicine if the retailer has reason to believe it will be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Madigan's proposal would go even further, classifying ephedrine and pseudoephedrine "schedule V controlled substances." The measure would require that all such medicines be kept behind pharmacy counters and that they only be sold to customers who show a valid photo ID and sign a log book documenting the purchase.

Madigan said the changes are needed because stricter laws have been passed in neighboring states, and law enforcement reports show methamphetamine producers from Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky and Indiana have started coming to Illinois to try to purchase ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

"We must keep pace with our neighbors to ensure that Illinois does not become the meth shopping mall of the Midwest," she said in a written release.

Supporters of the legislation acknowledged it would be inconvenient for those simply seeking relief from allergies or the common cold but say it has to be done.

"It's unfortunate that we have to take these steps, but the current

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climate raised by the addiction levels of meth leave us little choice," said state Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion, who intends to sponsor Madigan's bill.

The legislation is modeled after laws on the books in Iowa and Oklahoma, where law enforcement officials say they have been effective.

"The bottom line is that this approach has been proven to work," said state Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, who is in favor of the idea. "Two months after enacting these pseudoephedrine controls in Oklahoma, the number of methamphetamine labs in that state dropped by an incredible 50 percent. After 10 months, methamphetamine lab discoveries were down 80 percent. We should follow a formula that has demonstrated proven success. I am looking forward to working with Attorney General Madigan and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make that happen."

State Rep. Bill Black, R-Danville, state Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, and state Rep. Roger Eddy, R-Hutsonville, were among the sponsors of a similar bill this spring, HB662. It never made it out of the House rules committee.

Eddy said he hoped Madigan's backing would help get the proposed regulations moving forward this fall.

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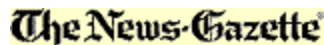
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