

2844-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Lovick, Morrell, Benson, Campbell, G. Simpson, Bush, Quall, Upthegrove and Schual-Berke; by request of Department of Health and Washington State Patrol)

Brief Description: Increasing the regulation of the sale of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine.

**HB 2844-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/12/04)

Finds that quantities of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine continue to be sold at the wholesale and retail levels far in excess of legitimate consumer needs. The excess quantities being sold are most likely used in the criminal manufacture of methamphetamine.

Declares it is therefore necessary to further regulate the sales of these drugs, including sales from out-of-state sources, in order to reduce the threat that methamphetamine presents to the people of the state.