



## The Methamphetamine Manufacturing Chemical Retail Sale Control Act (720 ILCS 647)

### **What is the Methamphetamine Manufacturing Chemical Retail Sale Control Act?**

The Methamphetamine Manufacturing Chemical Retail Sale Control Act is a new law designed to slow the spread of meth in Illinois. Drafted by Attorney General Lisa Madigan and supported by law enforcement authorities, retailer groups, and other organizations, the Act was unanimously passed by the General Assembly and signed into law in August 2004.

### **What is the purpose of the Act?**

The Methamphetamine Manufacturing Chemical Retail Sale Control Act is designed to slow the spread of methamphetamine, an illegal and dangerous drug manufactured in Illinois from certain products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. The law regulates the display and sale of these products to restrict the supply of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine available to meth makers without impeding the legitimate use of these products by residents who suffer from colds or allergies.

### **What are the basic provisions of the Act?**

The Act restricts the packaging, sale, and display of adult-strength cold tablets containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine and requires training of store personnel.

**Packaging.** Adult-strength cold tablets containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine must be sold in blister packs containing no more than three grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine per pack.

**Sale.** Retailers may not sell more than two packages of adult-strength cold tablets containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine at a time, and they may not sell *any* such packages if they know the buyer will use the packages to make meth.

**Display.** Retailers must place adult-strength cold tablets containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine as their sole active ingredient behind store counters or in locked cases.

**Training.** Retailers must train their employees to understand their responsibilities under the Act and to recognize customers whose behavior suggests they are purchasing products for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine.

### **Are there penalties for violating the Act?**

Yes. It is a Class A misdemeanor for an individual store employee to violate the Act and a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent violation. If a retail business violates the Act, it is a business offense with fines ranging from \$500 for a first violation, to \$1,000 for a second violation, to \$5,000 for a third or subsequent violation.

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