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HOUSE DRH50524-LH-145 (2/27)

Short Title: Study Inhibitors in Meth Production.

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Sponsors: Representative Love.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN CONSULTATION
3 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
4 TO STUDY THE USE OF INHIBITORS IN METHAMPHETAMINE
5 PRODUCTION.

6 Whereas, the manufacture of methamphetamine causes significant adverse
7 impacts on the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens by reason of the toxic and
8 volatile compounds used in manufacture or produced as by-products of manufacture of
9 the drug; and

10 Whereas, the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens are adversely
11 impacted by the many crimes associated with the manufacture, sale, and use of
12 methamphetamine including theft, burglary, child abuse and neglect, assault, and
13 driving under the influence of a controlled substance; and

14 Whereas, the General Assembly enacted legislation to remove
15 pseudophedrine, a key component in making methamphetamine, from open shelf
16 stocking; and

17 Whereas, anhydrous ammonia, a fertilizer, is another key ingredient in
18 making the highly addictive drug methamphetamine; and

19 Whereas, studies conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
20 and the U.S. Department of Transportation have shown that adding calcium nitrate,
21 another common fertilizer compound, to anhydrous ammonia renders it useless in the
22 production of methamphetamine; and

23 Whereas, some states such as Iowa have conducted research regarding
24 methamphetamine inhibitors, chemicals that may be added in prescribed amounts to
25 products such as fertilizer that do not diminish the effectiveness of the fertilizer as a
26 nutrient but that greatly inhibit the use of key components found in fertilizer for the
27 manufacture of methamphetamine; and

1 Whereas, states such as Iowa have established programs that encourage the
2 use of such "meth inhibitors" on a voluntary basis and that assist agricultural retailers
3 who want to participate in the program by implementing these meth-fighting strategies;
4 Now, therefore,

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Justice in consultation with the Department
7 of Agriculture shall study the possibility of establishing voluntary methamphetamine
8 inhibitor programs in North Carolina. As part of the study, the Department shall
9 consider the research that is being done on this issue nationwide and the effectiveness
10 and cost of programs that have been set up by other states and at the federal level
11 regarding the use of methamphetamine inhibitors. The Department of Justice shall
12 report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime
13 Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee and to the Fiscal Research Division
14 by March 1, 2008.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.