

By: Representative Eads

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 625

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE
3 METHAMPHETAMINE PRECURSOR MANUFACTURE LAW; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 41-29-313, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 41-29-313. (1) (a) Except as authorized in this section,
9 it is unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally:

10 (i) Purchase, possess, transfer or distribute any
11 two (2) or more of the listed precursor chemicals or drugs in any
12 amount with the intent to unlawfully manufacture a controlled
13 substance;

14 (ii) Purchase, possess, transfer or distribute any
15 two (2) or more of the listed precursor chemicals or drugs in any
16 amount, knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably
17 should know, that the listed precursor chemical or drug will be
18 used to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance.

19 (b) Any person who violates this subsection (1), upon
20 conviction, is guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned for a
21 period not to exceed thirty (30) years and shall be fined not less
22 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than One Million
23 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or both fine and imprisonment.

24 (2) (a) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly or
25 intentionally steal or unlawfully take or carry away any amount of
26 anhydrous ammonia.

27 (b) It is unlawful for any person to purchase, possess,
28 transfer or distribute any amount of anhydrous ammonia, knowing,
29 or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that the
30 anhydrous ammonia will be used to unlawfully manufacture a
31 controlled substance.

32 (c) It is unlawful for any person to purchase, possess,
33 transfer or distribute two hundred fifty (250) dosage units or
34 fifteen (15) grams in weight (dosage unit and weight as defined in
35 Section 41-29-139) of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine, knowing, or
36 under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that the
37 pseudoephedrine or ephedrine will be used to unlawfully
38 manufacture a controlled substance.

39 (d) Any person who violates this subsection (2), upon
40 conviction, is guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned for a
41 period not to exceed five (5) years and shall be fined not more
42 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both fine and
43 imprisonment.

44 (3) The terms "listed precursor drug or chemical" means a
45 precursor drug or chemical that, in addition to legitimate uses,
46 may be used in manufacturing a controlled substance in violation
47 of this chapter. Such term includes any salt, optical isomer or
48 salt of an optical isomer, whenever the existence of such salt,
49 optical isomer or salt of optical isomer is possible within the
50 specific chemical designation. The chemicals or drugs listed in
51 this section are included by whatever official, common, usual,
52 chemical or trade name designated. The following are "listed
53 precursor drugs or chemicals":

- 54 (a) Ether;
- 55 (b) Anhydrous ammonia;
- 56 (c) Pseudoephedrine;
- 57 (d) Ephedrine;
- 58 (e) Denatured alcohol (Ethanol);
- 59 (f) Lithium;

- 60 (g) Freon;
- 61 (h) Hydrochloric acid;
- 62 (i) Hydriodic acid;
- 63 (j) Red phosphorous;
- 64 (k) Iodine;
- 65 (l) Sodium metal;
- 66 (m) Muriatic acid;
- 67 (n) Sulfuric acid;
- 68 (o) Hydrogen chloride gas;
- 69 (p) Potassium;
- 70 (q) Methanol;
- 71 (r) Isopropyl alcohol;
- 72 (s) Hexanes;
- 73 (t) Heptanes;
- 74 (u) Acetone;
- 75 (v) Toluene;
- 76 (w) Xylenes.

77 (4) Nothing in this section shall preclude any farmer from
78 storing or using any of the listed precursor drugs or chemicals
79 listed in this section in the normal pursuit of farming
80 operations.

81 (5) Nothing in this section shall preclude any wholesaler,
82 retailer or pharmacist from possessing or selling the listed
83 precursor drugs or chemicals in the normal pursuit of business.

84 (6) Any person who violates the provisions of this section
85 with children under the age of eighteen (18) years present shall
86 be subject to a term of imprisonment or a fine, or both, of twice
87 that provided in this section.

88 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
89 and after July 1, 2001.