

HB0803



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

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Introduced 1/25/2013, by Rep. Michael J. Madigan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 602/5

Amends the Ephedra Prohibition Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the findings of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Ephedra Prohibition Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 602/5)

7 Sec. 5. Findings. The ~~The~~ General Assembly finds the
8 following:

9 (1) Over 3 billion servings of ephedra are consumed by
10 Americans each year.

11 (2) Ephedra, or ma huang, has been associated with a
12 wide range of severe adverse events, including death.

13 (3) The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has received
14 over 18,000 reports of adverse reactions by ephedra users,
15 including strokes, seizures, heart attacks, and deaths.

16 (4) The Inspector General of the U.S. Department of
17 Health and Human Services noted in a report on ephedra
18 adverse events that 60% of those adverse events were
19 experienced by people under the age of 40.

20 (5) A study reported in the Annals of Internal Medicine
21 concluded that, compared with other herbs, ephedra is
22 associated with a greatly increased risk for adverse
23 reactions and that the use of ephedra should be restricted.

1 (6) The American Medical Association and the consumer
2 group, Public Citizen, have called for a nationwide ban on
3 ephedra.

4 (7) The National Collegiate Athletics Association, the
5 National Football League, and the International Olympic
6 Committee have all banned ephedra use by their athletes
7 because of concerns about the safety of this dietary
8 supplement.

9 (8) The U.S. Army has banned the sale of ephedra
10 products in army commissaries worldwide after 33 army
11 personnel died from consuming ephedra products.

12 (9) Canada, Britain, Germany, and Australia have all
13 taken steps to restrict the sale of ephedra products.

14 (Source: P.A. 93-8, eff. 5-28-03.)