

Patriot Act To Include Meth Laws

The recently-passed version of the Patriot Act includes a provision to combat illegal methamphetamine by limiting sales of cold remedies.

Several states have already made laws curbing the sale of cold pills containing pseudoephedrine, the ingredient used to cook meth in labs around the country.

The federal measure attached to the most recent version of the Patriot Act would impose such restrictions nationwide.

Retail stores that sell cold medications would be required to keep medicines like Sudafed and Nyquil behind the counter, and consumers would be limited to 3.6 grams, or about 120 pills, per day, and nine grams, or about 300 pills, per month. In addition, people who buy cold medication will need to show a photo ID and sign a logbook.

The limits target meth dealers who buy large quantities of the drugs to extract the pseudoephedrine.

"With this agreement on the Patriot Act, Congress is but

a step away from passing the most significant anti-meth bill in a decade," **California Senator Dianne Feinstein** said during a recent press conference.

"The heart of this legislation is a strong standard for keeping pseudoephedrine products out of the hands of meth cooks."

Leading retailers like Kmart, Walgreens, Target and Wal-

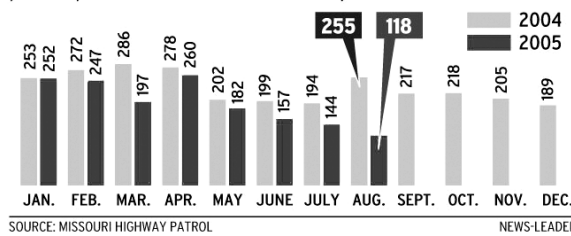
Mart have already adopted guidelines to limit purchases of cold products or to limit their sales. Some states that have passed their own laws, including Missouri, Oklahoma and Oregon, have reported the number of meth labs plunging. The measure would provide nearly \$100 million a year for five years to train state and local law enforcement to identify and

prosecute meth offenders, would provide \$40 million to help children affected by meth, and would enhance criminal penalties for meth production and trafficking. ■

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Meth incidents showing downward trend

Missouri's methamphetamine incidents - labs, suspected labs and dumpsites - were 55 percent lower in August 2005 than August 2004. Officials have attributed the drop to a new state law restricting pseudoephedrine sales that took effect July 14.



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Battle of the Sexes

A woman was out golfing one day when she hit the ball into the woods. She went into the woods to look for it and found a frog in a trap.

The frog said to her, "If you release me from this trap, I will grant you three wishes."

The woman freed the frog, and the frog said, "Thank you, but I failed to mention that there was a condition to your wishes. Whatever you wish for, your husband will get times ten!"

The woman said, "That's okay." For her first wish, she wanted to be the most beautiful woman in the world.

The frog warned her, "You do realize that this wish will also make your husband the most handsome man in the world, an Adonis whom women will flock to."

The woman replied, "That's okay, because I will be the most beautiful woman and he will have eyes only for me."

So she's the most beautiful woman in the world!

For her second wish, she wanted to be the richest woman in the world.

The frog said, "That will make your husband the richest man in the world and he will be ten times richer than you."

The woman said, "That's okay, because what's mine is his and what's his is mine."

So, she's the richest woman in the world!

The frog then inquired about her third wish, and she answered, "I'd like a mild heart attack."

An 80 year old woman was arrested for shoplifting. When she went before the judge, he asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied: a can of peaches. The judge asked her why she had stolen them and she replied that she was hungry.

The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied six. The judge then said, "I will give you six days in jail."

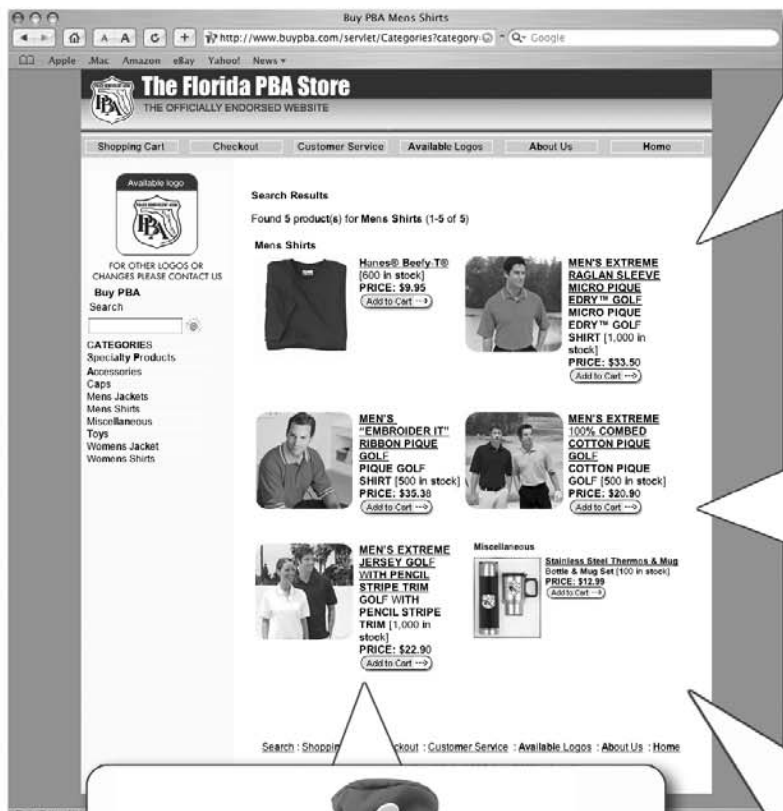
Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something. He said, "What is it?"

The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

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