

WHOLESALE AND DISTRIBUTOR COMPLIANCE

On March 30, 2005, Governor Phil Bredesen signed into law the "*Meth-Free Tennessee Act of 2005.*"

This new law restricts possession, sale, acquisition, purchase and/or dispensing of drug products containing immediate methamphetamine precursors. The law defines an immediate methamphetamine precursor as ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine, or their salts, isomers or salts of isomers, or any drug or other product that contains a detectable quantity of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine, or their salts, isomers or salts of isomers.

According to this law, it is unlawful to possess more than twenty (20) grams of an immediate methamphetamine precursor and will be evidence that the person or entity in possession intends to promote the manufacture of methamphetamine, unless the person or entity is one of the following and possesses the drug products in the course of legitimate business activities:

1. A pharmacy or pharmacist **licensed** by the Board of Pharmacy;
2. A wholesale drug distributor, or its agents, **licensed** by the Board of Pharmacy;
3. A manufacturer of drug products, or its agents, **licensed** by the Board of Pharmacy; and
4. A licensed health care professional possessing the drug products in the course of carrying out his profession.

No license is required if the product is exempted under the law. Visit the following web site for a list of exempted products. <http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/pharmacy/>

Instructions and License applications for Manufacturers, Wholesalers, and Distributors can be viewed at the following web site. <http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/pharmacy/howtoMWDLicense.html>