



1 and ephedrine report that the populations have chosen to buy other  
2 readily available over-the-counter products which have been  
3 reformulated by the manufacturers without meth-precursors in them;  
4 and

5 Whereas, the costs of obtaining prescriptions have been  
6 minimized by using the alternative products by physicians simply  
7 calling the prescription in for established patients without the  
8 need for an extra office visit; and

9 Whereas, the costs that are incurred are offset by the savings  
10 to the states from avoiding the expenditures required to clean up  
11 meth labs or incurred by the states and third-party payors;  
12 therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

14 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby  
15 requested to conduct a study on the need for and the societal costs  
16 and benefits of making pseudoephedrine and ephedrine available only  
17 pursuant to a prescription; and, be it

18 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and  
19 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on  
20 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts  
21 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and  
22 be it

23 *Further Resolved,* That the expenses necessary to conduct this  
24 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be  
25 paid from appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and

1 Finance.