

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 160 [2017 Assembly Bill 681]

Purchase or Sale of Dextromethorphan

2017 Wisconsin Act 160 modifies requirements relating to the retail purchase or sale of a drug containing dextromethorphan. Dextromethorphan is a common ingredient in over-the-counter cough medicine.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED

Act 160 prohibits a person from selling a drug containing dextromethorphan, unless the person making the sale receives from the purchaser a form of identification from which the age of the purchaser can be determined, or unless the person making the sale reasonably presumes that the purchaser is age 25 or older based upon outward appearance.

SALE TO MINORS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION

Act 160 prohibits the sale of a drug containing dextromethorphan to a person who is under 18 years of age without a prescription. The Act also prohibits the purchase of a drug containing dextromethorphan by a person who is under 18 years of age without a prescription.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov.