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PORT BYRON, IL – Legislation sponsored by state Rep. Mike Smiddy (D-Port Byron) increasing the ability of law enforcement officers to examine the distribution records of a pharmacy or its employees to prevent substances like Sudafed from being used to make illegal drugs passed out of the Illinois House on Wednesday. “We must give law enforcement officers the tools they need to fight the production of dangerous drugs,” Smiddy said. “By expanding the ability to examine and distribute pharmacy records, we are taking important steps to crack down on the production of harmful substances.” House Bill 1311 adds the Department of Corrections, the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services System, the U.S. Parole Commission, and any probation and court services department authorized by the Probation and Probation Officers Act to the list of agencies that may investigate violations of the Methamphetamine Precursor Tracking Act. This act sets out specific standards for maintaining distribution records of methamphetamine precursors (like Sudafed). Currently, only law enforcement agencies and prosecutors’ offices have the authority to investigate these distribution records. Smiddy’s legislation would authorize a greater number of people to access the distribution records of pharmacies and their employees for certain methamphetamine precursors to provide greater oversight of these potentially dangerous substances. “I believe empowering more investigators will mean less drugs on our streets,” Smiddy said. “Bringing more people into the fight

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against drugs can help put criminals behind bars. I encourage the Senate to pass this important piece of legislation quickly so it can start protecting the people of our district.”  
For more information, contact Smiddy’s office at RepSmiddy@gmail.com, (309) 848-9098, or toll free at (855) 243-4988.###