Bill would allow KSP access to pharmacy records

A bill sponsored by Rep. Robin Webb, D- Grayson, allowing Kentucky State Police to access prescription records and requiring pharmicists to ID customers picking up medication, has been endorsed by Gov. Paul Patton.

Webb said that House Bill 371 will require a photo ID or a thumb print to pick up any controlled substance, although persons carrying the appropriate identification would be allowed to pick up a prescription for another individual.

The bill would also allow KSP to access prescription records through KASPER, Kentucky All Scheduled Prescription Electronic Reporting system, to assist them in a controlled substance investigation case.

Patton organized an OxyContin Task Force last March after 200 individuals were arrested following Oxyfest, a planned raid by the KSP.

"It's now more popular than marijuana and cocaine, particularly in Eastern Kentucky," Patton said.

State Representative Danny Ford, R-Mt. Vernon, said the bill could likely pass.

"It has overwhelming support," Ford said.

"King"

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see the progress continue," she said.

"I would want to be a part of keeping Mt. Vernon on track for smart growth and planning," she said.

"Hopefully, the city as a whole can see the changes and will appreciate the effort that has been put forth," she said.

King's term in office has not been without controversy.

In 2000, the council passed a controversial payroll and net profits tax, which upset many citizens.

The city's payroll tax has generated hundreds of thousands of dollars so far.

From January 2001 to December 2001 the city took in $208,000 from the tax.

King has also been an advocate of planning and zoning.

Currently, the Mayor makes just over $50.00 a month, but the council has been discussing a huge pay raise for the Mayor and small raise for the council.

A Mayoral election year is the only time a council can give pay raises, which take affect for the next council and Mayor.

King joins council members Clarice Kirby and Jackie Renner and Rockcastle Hospital Ventilator patient Jody Adams in the race for Mayor.

The filing deadline for all city races and school board in the general election is August 13th.

Rockcastle Sheriff Shirley Smith, deputy Joe Rush and State Trooper Jason McCowan cited a Nancy woman for illegal transporting alcohol. The three took 22 cases of beer from the Nancy woman's van on Tuesday.

"Long"

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has a chance to win.

Although the 80th remains a heavily Republican district, Long said the imbalance is not as great as it has been in the past. He added that a strong Democratic candidate for the state senate in the 34th District, which takes in Lincoln, Rockcastle and Madison counties, also should help his chances this fall.

In the 34th, Sen. Ed Worley, D-Richmond, faces a Republican challenge from former Sen. Barry Metcalf in November. The redistricting, however, moved Metcalf's native Gabbard County out of the district. Metcalf is a Richmond resident, but still has family ties in Gabbard.

Long, who has worked with Worley the past four years and with Gov. Paul Patton for the past six years on grants, road projects and new Tech School for Lincoln County, thinks that the two can do more for Lincoln and Rockcastle counties than would be possible with representatives from opposing parties.

"With Ed in the Senate and me in the House, there's a lot of good things that can happen for Lincoln and Rockcastle counties," Long said.

Long said that he knows that it will be hard to unseat Ford, who is seeking his 11th term as a state legislator.

"I'm not running against Danny Ford," Long said. "I'm running for representative to help people and be responsive to their needs."

Ford, 49, currently serves on the House Appropriations and Revenue committee, the Banking and Insurance Committee, the Military Affairs, Public Safety and Rules Committee.

Ford is largely responsible for many projects being funded, especially the building of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley.

"Hayes"

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ing his vehicle on Hwy. 25 in Mt. Vernon. After the stop, owens located two stolen police radios in Hayes possession. He was also in possession of methamphetamine.

Burdette said twelve months was the maximum sentence for Obstruction of Governmental Operations, a class A misdemeanor. "We must always take seriously the fact that enforcement communications can be the difference in life and death, so to inferfere with that will not be tolerated. It's not a game." Burdette said.

Hayes also faces an additional two years for violation of parole.

"Cable"

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dent firm.

In a nutshell Hudson told the council and those present that his company was providing what they thought was a competitive product and if people wanted to buy it they would and if they didn't they would not.

He made no apologies for poor service or rate increases.

A large crowd turned out for the Mt. Vernon City Council meeting on Monday night to complain about the poor cable television service provided by Charter Communications.

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Meeting Location – Central Office Building

DRAFT AGENDA

February 12, 2002

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
   - A. Election of Officers
   - B. Develop/approve a schedule of regular meetings for 2002
   - C. Silent Prayer
   - D. Roll Call
   - E. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

3. COMMUNICATIONS

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS
   - A. Approve minutes of the January 8, 2002 regular monthly meeting
   - B. Approve bills for payment
   - C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher:
   - D. Approve school trips as listed:

Date	School	Grade	#Students	Location

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:
   - A. Review/approve

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW
   - A. Review Monthly Financial Report
   - B. Review Month 5 Attendance
   - C. Reyiew Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
   - D. Review Perpetual Calendar
   - E. Other

7. ADJOURNMENT

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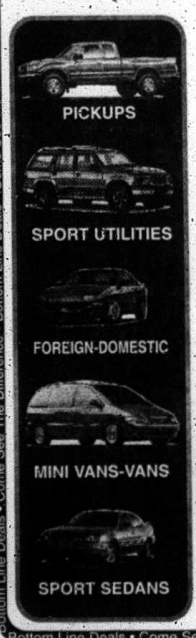

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