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PERRY FILES BILL TO PROHIBIT SYNTHETIC DRUGS

LUBBOCK, TX – Today, Senator Charles Perry filed SB 199 to prohibit the sale and use of synthetic drugs in the State of Texas.

In previous Sessions, the legislature has passed similar bans, but manufacturers have repeatedly changed the chemical makeup of their drugs to skirt the law.

“In shops across the state, dangerous synthetic drugs are being sold to our youth, over the counter without repercussions,” said Senator Charles Perry. “These drugs are unregulated and more dangerous than the illegal counterparts they seek to imitate.”

Due to the complex chemical combinations, these substances have been known to produce side effects including hallucination, severe agitation, elevated heart rate and/or blood pressure, chest pains, blackouts, tremors, seizures, cardiac infarction, and in some cases death.

SB 199 will add additional known chemicals to the Texas Controlled Substance act and include a controlled substance analogue provision that will act as a ‘catch all’ for drugs with substantially similar chemical composition or intended to produce substantially similar effects.

“There are 53 merchants in Lubbock County alone that are known to have sold these substances,” continued Perry. “I look forward to working with local law enforcement to ensure this common sense legislation becomes law and these dangerous substances stay out off of our streets and out of our schools.”

If you have any questions or comments about this bill or any of Senator Perry’s legislative agenda, please feel free to contact Travis McCormick at 512-463-0128 or Travis.McCormick@senate.state.tx.us.

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