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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require all areas where a
9 methamphetamine lab was located to be
10 decontaminated and to receive a certificate of
11 clean inspection from the Department of Public
12 Health.

13 This bill would require that all locations
14 found to be used as a methamphetamine lab be
15 recorded on the Department of Public Health's
16 website for public disclosure.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to areas used as methamphetamine
23 laboratories; to require decontamination and inspection; and
24 to require public disclosure.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of
27 the following:

1 (1) Methamphetamine, commonly known as meth, is one
2 of the most dangerous, highly toxic, and extremely addictive
3 stimulants known to man and increasing abuse of the drug in
4 this state is a serious problem.

5 (2) To meet the growing demand for meth, producers
6 use residential homes, commercial buildings, and vehicles as
7 labs.

8 (3) These meth labs become filled with toxic
9 residue, are uninhabitable, and require extensive cleanup and
10 decontamination to rid toxins from fibers, carpets, sheetrock,
11 and woodwork before they are safe for occupancy.

12 (4) The toxins produced in a meth lab are so
13 dangerous that hazardous waste teams wear full body protection
14 during cleanup, and anyone, especially children and the
15 elderly, who continues to live in or occupy a meth lab home,
16 building, or vehicle which has not been properly
17 decontaminated has extreme health issues as toxins attack
18 their central nervous system and create a multitude of
19 problems for kidneys, livers, lungs, and brains, resulting in
20 life-long expensive medical needs and creating tax burdens on
21 the state from nonproductive citizens.

22 Section 2. The Department of Public Health shall do
23 all of the following:

24 (1) Promulgate procedures to require proper
25 decontamination in all areas where methamphetamine labs have
26 been located.

1 (2) Require all methamphetamine labs in homes,
2 buildings, or vehicles to be issued a no occupancy notice
3 until it receives a certificate of decontamination.

4 (3) Issue certificates of inspection once a
5 methamphetamine lab has been properly cleaned.

6 (4) Place locations where methamphetamine labs have
7 been discovered on the department's website for public
8 disclosure.

9 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
10 first day of the third month following its passage and
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.