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SB 744

Senate Bill No. 744, introduced by Senator Schroer in the 103rd General Assembly of Missouri, proposes to amend Chapter 195 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, which governs drug regulations in the state. The bill adds a new section, numbered 195.1000, with the following key provision:

Over-the-Counter Availability: The bill specifies that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, ivermectin tablets and hydroxychloroquine tablets shall be available for over-the-counter purchase in Missouri. This means that individuals can buy these medications directly from a retailer without needing:

- A prescription from a doctor, or
- Consultation with a pharmacist or other healthcare professional.

Legal Override: The phrase "notwithstanding any other provision of law" indicates that this new section would supersede any existing Missouri laws or regulations that currently classify ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine as prescription-only drugs.

The bill aims to increase public access to these two critical medications by removing the requirement for professional medical oversight typically associated with their use. Tennessee has already made ivermectin available over the counter, and eight other states, including Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Texas, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and Alabama, are currently considering legislation to make ivermectin and/or hydroxychloroquine available over the counter.

ACT4MO.ORG fully supports the passage of this straightforward and commonsense legislation.