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Lawyer Seeks Review of Neb. Lethal Injection Drug

(AP) - A lawyer for death-row inmate Michael Ryan has asked the Nebraska Supreme Court to order a review of how state corrections officials got a lethal injection drug made by a Swiss company.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports that Nebraska and several other states were forced to buy the drug overseas when the last U.S. manufacturer quit making it in 2010 because of death-penalty opposition from customers.

Defense lawyer Rob Kortus, of the Nebraska Commission of Public Advocacy, questions the quality of sodium thiopental in a court filing. Nebraska bought its supply from a middleman.

Sodium thiopental recently has been banned for export by the European Union and is becoming increasingly difficult to get. It is made in India and China.

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