

HOUSE BILL 341: Controlled Substances/NBOMe & Other Drugs

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SUMMARY: House Bill 341 would add a number of drugs to the list of controlled substances in Schedules I, II, and VI of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act.

CURRENT LAW: Under the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act (Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes), controlled substances are classified in six schedules, including:

- Schedule I controlled substances (G.S. 90-89), which have a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in the United States, or which have not been accepted as safe for use in treatment under medical supervision
- Schedule II controlled substances (G.S. 90-90), which have a high potential for abuse, currently have an accepted medical use in the United States or an accepted medical use with severe restrictions, and are substances the abuse of which may lead to severe psychic or physical dependence
- Schedule VI controlled substances (G.S. 90-94), which have no currently accepted medical use in the United States, or a relatively low potential for abuse in terms of risk to public health and potential to produce psychic or physiological dependence liability based upon present medical knowledge, or a need for further and continuing study to develop scientific evidence of its pharmacological effects

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would amend G.S. 90-89 to add acetyl fentanyl, methoxetamine, and specified NBOMe compounds (which mimic LSD) as Schedule I controlled substances.

Section 2 would amend G.S. 90-90 (3) to add salts, isomers, and salts of isomers of methylphenidate as Schedule II controlled substances having a potential for abuse associated with a stimulant effect on the central nervous system.

Section 3 would amend G.S. 90-94 to add a number of specified substances to the synthetic cannabinoids listed as Schedule VI controlled substances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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