



# HOUSE BILL 341: Controlled Substances/NBOMe and Other Drugs

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	S.L. 2015-162		

**SUMMARY:** *S.L. 2015-162 adds a number of drugs to the list of controlled substances in Schedules I, II, and VI of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act.*

*This act became effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.*

**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** amends G.S. 90-89 to add acetyl fentanyl, methoxetamine, and specified NBOMe compounds (which mimic LSD) as Schedule I controlled substances.

**Section 2** amends 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** amends G.S. 90-94 to add a number of specified substances to the synthetic cannabinoids listed as Schedule VI controlled substances.<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> Session Law 2015-264, s. 48, made a technical correction to G.S. 90-94(3) to conform a cross-reference to the addition of six new sub-subdivisions by Session Law 2015-162, s. 3.

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