

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 174

2015 Regular Session

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Provides with respect to the scheduling of controlled dangerous substances.**

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DIGEST

Present law provides for the designation of controlled dangerous substances into Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V based upon the substances' potential for addiction and abuse.

Proposed law adds two substances to Schedule IV.

Present law provides that hydrocodone is a Schedule II drug, but is a Schedule III drug when found in combination with other substances.

Proposed law repeals the Schedule III classification for hydrocodone combination products to make La. law consistent with federal scheduling classifications.

Present law provides that a pharmacist cannot dispense more than a 10-day supply at a dosage not to exceed the FDA's approved labeling for the medication if the prescriber for such medication is not licensed by the state of Louisiana, and the medication is an opioid derivative Schedule II or Schedule III controlled dangerous substance. Present law further provides that the dispensing pharmacist must notify the prescriber of the supply dispensed and the cancellation of the remainder of the prescription. Present law further provides that within 60 days of the dispensing of a medication pursuant to present law, such medication cannot be dispensed again for the individual by a prescriber not licensed by the state of Louisiana.

Proposed law makes present law applicable to a pharmacist licensed by a state contiguous to the state of Louisiana and deletes the 60-day limitation on dispensing the medication again from present law.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:978(E); adds R.S. 40:964(Schedule IV)(A)(3) and (B)(45.5); repeals R.S. 40:964(Schedule III)(D)(1)(c) and (d))

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Add emergency effective date.
2. Provide penalties for violations involving Mitragynine and 7-Hydroxy-mitragynine.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove the proposed law addition of Mitragynine and 7-Hydroxy-mitragynine into Schedule I and removes penalty provisions for violations involving those substances.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the reengrossed bill

1. Add provision making present law applicable to pharmacists licensed by states contiguous to Louisiana.
2. Delete 60-day dispensing prohibition from present law.