

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 154

BY SENATOR MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL AND VILLIO

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. Criminalizes the possession or distribution of kratom.  
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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:964(Schedule I)(E)(17) and 966.1 and to repeal R.S. 40:989.3, relative to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; to add *Mitragyna speciosa* to Schedule I; to prohibit the possession, production, or distribution of kratom or kratom products; to provide definitions; to provide penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:964(Schedule I)(E)(17) and 966.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§964. Composition of schedules

Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V shall, unless and until added pursuant to R.S. 40:962, consist of the following drugs or other substances, by whatever official name, common or usual name, chemical name, or brand name designated:

SCHEDULE I

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E. Stimulants. Unless specifically excepted, or contained within a pharmaceutical product approved by the United States Food and Drug

1 Administration, or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound,  
2 mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances  
3 having a stimulant effect on the central nervous system including its salts, isomers,  
4 esters, or ethers and salts of isomers, esters, or ethers whenever the existence of such  
5 salts, isomers, esters, or ethers and salts of isomers, esters, or ethers is possible  
6 within the specific chemical designation:

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8 **(17) Mitragyna speciosa**

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10 **§966.1. Unlawful possession, production, or distribution of kratom**

11 **A. No person shall possess, cultivate, or otherwise produce or distribute**  
12 **either kratom or a kratom product.**

13 **B. For purposes of this Section:**

14 **(1) "Kratom" means any part of the of the Mitragyna speciosa tree**  
15 **including but not limited to the processed or unprocessed leaves.**

16 **(2) "Kratom product" means any product containing kratom or a**  
17 **derivative of the Mitragyna speciosa tree.**

18 **C.(1) A person who unlawfully possesses fourteen grams or less of**  
19 **kratom or a kratom product shall be fined five hundred dollars.**

20 **(2) A person who unlawfully possesses more than fourteen grams of**  
21 **kratom or a kratom product, cultivates or otherwise produces kratom or a**  
22 **kratom product, or sells or otherwise distributes kratom or a kratom product,**  
23 **shall be fined not less than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without**  
24 **hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both.**

25 Section 2. R.S. 40:989.3 is hereby repealed.

26 Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to alphabetize the  
27 enumerated items provided in R.S. 40:964 as amended by this Act.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

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Present law (Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law) designates certain substances in Schedules I through V based upon the substances' potential for addiction and abuse.

Proposed law adds *Mitragyna speciosa* (kratom) to Schedule I and otherwise retains present law.

Present law makes it a crime to distribute products containing *Mitragyna speciosa* to a person under the age of 18 years.

Proposed law repeals present law and makes it a crime to distribute kratom or a product containing kratom to a person of any age. Proposed law also provides that it is unlawful to possess, cultivate or otherwise produce, or sell kratom or a product containing kratom.

Proposed law provides that:

- (1) A person who possesses 14 grams or less of kratom will be fined \$500.
- (2) A person who possess more than 14 grams of kratom, cultivates or otherwise produces kratom or a kratom product, or sells or otherwise distributes kratom or a kratom product will be fined up to \$2,000, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, between one and five years, or both.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 40:964(Schedule I)(E)(17) and 966.1; repeals R.S. 40:989.3)