
DIGEST

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HB 174 Engrossed

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Abstract: Adds certain substances to Schedules I and IV.

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 I (including mitragynine) and two substances to Schedule IV.

Present law provides for the crime of unlawful distribution of products containing *Mitragyna speciosa* to a minor.

Proposed law repeals this provision of present law.

Proposed law provides penalties for violations involving Mitragynine and 7-Hydroxy-mitragynine which are identical to penalties for violations involving marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids.

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.

(Amends 40:966(B)(3), (E), and (F); Adds R.S. 40:964(Schedule I)(G), (Schedule IV)(A)(3) and (B)(45.5); Repeals R.S. 40:964(Schedule III)(D)(1)(c) and (d) and 989.3)

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.