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Felony Scheduling of Six Synthetic Substances (FOUO) FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

History:

Produced as legal substitutes for scheduled substances such as cannabis, ecstasy, cocaine, and amphetamines, these unscheduled drugs are substances of abuse that have been designed to avoid legal prosecution, and are commonly available on the Internet and in specialty “smoke” shops, and convenience stores. Synthetic drugs can be comprised of different unregulated chemical substances sold under a variety of names or brands.



Since January 2011, Attorney General Bondi has signed 3 emergency rules outlawing 32 substances. General Bondi also worked with the Florida Legislature, and Governor Scott subsequently signed into law, an additional 99 substances, for a total of 131 scheduled substances.

New Legislation:

On June 16, 2014, Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 697, which codified Attorney General Bondi’s October 9, 2013 emergency rule by adding six additional synthetic substances to Florida’s drug laws, making it a third-degree felony for an individual to “sell, manufacture, or deliver, or possess with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver” these dangerous drugs.

The following have been added to Schedule I:

AB-PINACA (N-(1-Amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide)
AB-FUBINACA (N-(1-Amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide)
ADB-PINACA (N-(1-Amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide)
Fluoro ADBICA (N-(1-Amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamide)
25B-NBOMe (4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine)
2C-C-NBOMe (4-chloro-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine)

This legislation also amended the drug trafficking statute, F.S. 893.135, to add three Phenethylamines found in the street drug “Molly”:

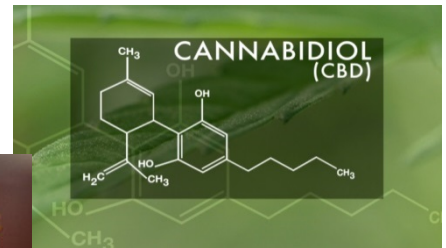
- 3,4-Methylenedioxymethcathinone
- 3,4-Methylenedioxypropylvalerone (MDPV)
- Methylmethcathinone

It should be noted that under F.S. 893.03, Schedule I drugs:

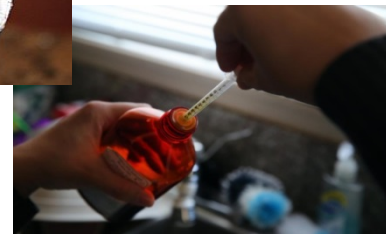
- Have a high potential for abuse.
- Have no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.
- Lack accepted safety standards for use under medical supervision.

“Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act of 2014” “Charlotte’s Web” Medical Marijuana (FOUO) FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Also on June 16, 2014, Governor Rick Scott signed a bill that legalized the use of a non-euphoric strain of marijuana to treat conditions such as epilepsy, Lou Gehrig’s disease and cancer. He signed SB 1030, which approved the medication, nicknamed Charlotte’s Web, and SB 1700, which protects the identities of the patients who use it.



The Charlotte’s Web bill legalized strains of marijuana that are high in cannabidiol, or CBD, but low in tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the compound that produces a high. Authorized patients will be allowed access to the drug through oil or vapor form, but it may not be smoked.



The bill’s licensing requirements specify that only Florida nursery owners with businesses in operation for 30 continuous years will be eligible for authorization by the Department of Health (DOH) to grow "Charlotte’s Web." The law requires DOH to establish a secure online compassionate use registry by January 1, 2015, which will include all physicians and patients, and which must be accessible to law enforcement agencies to verify patient authorization for low-THC cannabis.

Florida physicians who have been authorized to order this strain of medical marijuana will begin writing referrals on January 1, 2015. It will be sold through dispensaries licensed by DOH.

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