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Overview

This bill updates the statutory controlled substance schedules so that they match the controlled substance schedules maintained by the Board of Pharmacy in rules. The bill also adds several synthetic drugs to the schedules. The bill amends the board's regulatory powers over the schedules. Finally, the bill amends the prescription writing and purchasing processes for controlled substances.

- 1 Definitions.** Defines the term "analogue" for purposes of the controlled substance laws. The definition and spelling of the term are patterned after federal law.
- 2 Controlled Substance Schedules.** Amends the statutory controlled substance schedules to bring them up-to-date with the controlled substance schedules maintained by the Board of Pharmacy in rules. Also, adds several new synthetic drugs to the statutory schedules including 2C-E, 2C-I, mephedrone, and "bath salts" to schedule I. The amendments are also intended to increase the flexibility of the schedules. By adding broad language that incorporates derivatives of synthetic drugs ("analogue"), the schedules will not need to be changed every time a synthetic drug undergoes a small change in its chemical structure.

Amends the Board of Pharmacy's regulatory powers and responsibilities for the controlled substance schedules. Eliminates the board's obligation to undertake an annual review of the schedules. Amends the board's authority to delete or reschedule drugs in schedule I. Authorizes the board to use expedited rule-making to add a substance to schedule I. Removes outdated language that refers to the advisory council on controlled substances, which no longer exists.
- 3 General prescription requirements for controlled substances.** Allows for electronic prescribing of controlled substances. Modifies requirements for prescribing controlled substances to conform with applicable federal statutes and regulations.
- 4 Prescription requirements for Schedule III or IV controlled substances.** Makes technical changes to reflect the amendments in section 3.
- 5 Identification requirement for controlled substances.** Requires identification to fill a prescription

for any controlled substance unless the person purchasing the drugs is known to the pharmacist.
Repeals obsolete language related to a one-time report to the legislature.

- 6** **Dispensing orphan drugs.** Makes a technical amendment to reflect the changes made in sections 3 to 5.