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Vermont Amended Regulated Drug Rules

New synthetic stimulants banned

The Vermont Department of Health – after the approval of the Boards of Health, Pharmacy, and Medical Practice – amended its Regulated Drugs Rule effective March 2, 2013 to ban the manufacture, use, sale or possession of new designer drugs labeled "not for human consumption" that have been sold in head shops and over the Internet. These substances serve no useful purpose and can cause extensive harm to individuals and communities.

The rule includes "analog" and "derivative" forms of the chemical compounds that make up these drugs. These drugs have addictive properties and can cause serious and adverse harm to the central nervous system.

For a complete list of regulated drugs visit: **http://healthvermont.gov/regs/**.

The following regulated drugs are examples of banned substances — depressant and stimulant drugs — that cannot be sold by any retail outlets in Vermont. Manufacture, possession, use or sale of any of these drugs is a crime.

Synthetic stimulants that have been marketed as bath salts or plant food, and under other names

- 3,r-methylenedioxypyrovalerone (MPDV)
- 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-methylcathinone (methylone)
- Mephedrone
- Buphedrone
- Fluoromethamphetamine

Salvia divinorium

Synthetic cannabinoids

- JWH-018
- JWH-073
- JWH-200 (commonly referred to as K2, Spice)
- CP-47, 497
- Cannabicyclohexonal

Criminal penalties for possession or sale of regulated drugs

The penalty for possessing a single dose of one of these hallucinogenic illegal banned drugs is one year in prison and a fine not more than $2,000.

The penalty for selling an illegal hallucinogenic drug is up to three years in prison and a fine of $25,000.

For possession or selling 1,000 doses or more the penalty is up to 15 years in prison and a fine of up to $500,000.

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Synthetic stimulants

The synthetic stimulants are powerful, addictive amphetamine- or methamphetamine-like stimulants that have been known or marketed as bath salts or plant food under various names, including Ivory Wave, Purple Wave, Vanilla Sky or Bliss. These drugs appear as a white, tan or brown powder that is snorted, smoked, swallowed or injected. Use of these drugs can lead to paranoia and violence that creates dangerous situations for users, people around them, law enforcement and health care professionals.

According to the Northern New England Poison Center, people who use these drugs can suffer high temperatures, seizures, muscle breakdown, kidney failure, heart rhythm disturbances and death. Immediate medical attention is needed.

"Bath salts" are not the same as the household product sold under the same name, designed for use in the bath.

Salvia divinorum

Salvia divinorum is a hallucinogen derived from a plant in the mint family and sold in dangerously high concentrations in head shops and on the Internet. This drug is also known as Diviner's Sage, Maria Pastoria, Sage of the Seers and Magic Mint. When dried and ground up, the plant may appear similar to oregano or marijuana. It is typically chewed, drunk as a tea, or smoked and has hallucinogenic and psychedelic properties.

Physical effects of use include agitation, incoherent speech, uncontrolled laughter, and altered perceptions of space and time.

Synthetic cannabinoids

Synthetic cannabinoids, commonly known as K2 or Spice, have similar effects as marijuana. The dried herbs are sprayed with a synthetic cannabinoid-like substance and marketed as an alternative to marijuana, or "fake weed."

Use of these drugs can cause chest pain, increased heart rate, elevated blood pressure, anxiety, agitation, hallucinations, drowsiness and slurred speech, vomiting, numbness, tremors.

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