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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PLACE CHEMICALS INTO SCHEDULE I
AND
PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR EXEMPTION OF AUTOMATED DISPENSING
DEVICES STOCKED SOLELY WITH EMERGENCY OR STAT-USE MEDICATIONS
FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF 18VAC110-20-555.**

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233

CALL TO ORDER: A public hearing on two subjects was called to order at 9:07 AM.

PRESIDING: Dale St. Clair, PharmD, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Dowdy, PharmD
Cheri Garvin, RPh
Michelle Hoffer, JD
Larry Kocot, JD
Sarah Melton, PharmD
Kristopher Ratliff, DPh
Patricia Richards-Spruill, RPh
Ling Yuan, PharmD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wendy Nash, PharmD

STAFF PRESENT: Caroline Juran, RPh, Executive Director
Brent Saunders, JD, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Erin Barrett, JD, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, DHP
James Jenkins, RN, Deputy Director, DHP
Arne Owens, Director, DHP
Sorayah Haden, Executive Assistant
Ellen Shinaberry, PharmD, Deputy Executive Director
Ryan Logan, RPh, Deputy Executive Director
Beth O'Halloran, RPh, Deputy Executive Director

QUORUM: With 9 members present, a quorum was established.

The Chairman indicated the first subject for which public comment may be

received is consideration for the placement of the following chemicals into Schedule I as recommended by the Department of Forensic Science (DFS):

Based on their chemical structures, the following compounds are expected to have hallucinogenic properties. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(3)) in previous legislative sessions.

- 1. 1-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-4-methylpiperazine (other names: 4-fluoro-MBZP, 4-fluoro methylbenzylpiperazine)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
- 2. 4-fluoro-alpha-pyrrolidinoisohexiophenone (other name: 4-fluoro-alpha-PiHP)**, its salts, isomers (optical, position, and geometric), and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.
- 3. 8-bromo-1-methyl-6-pyridin-2-yl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (other name: pyrazolam)**, its salts, isomers (optical, position, and geometric), and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

The following compound is classified as a cannabimimetic agent. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(6)) in previous legislative sessions.

- 4. Methyl-2-(1-butyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (other name: MDMB-BUTINACA)**, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robyn Weimer provided public comment on behalf of the Department of Forensic Science indicating the proposed chemicals have been found in recent cases and are a risk to public safety. Ms. Weimer stated the proposed chemicals have no medicinal use and three of the chemicals have hallucinogenic effects.

The Chairman indicated the second subject for which public comment may be received is regarding the proposed regulations for exemption of automated dispensing devices stocked solely with emergency or stat-use medication from certain requirements of 18VAC110-20-555.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were offered on this subject.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:12 AM

Caroline Juran, RPh
Executive Director

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