

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 16, 2019

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the penal law, in relation to synthetic cannabinoids

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 3302 of the public health law is amended by adding
2 two new subdivisions 44 and 45 to read as follows:

3 44. "Synthetic cannabinoid" means any chemical compound that is chemi-
4 cally synthesized and:

5 (a) has been demonstrated to have a binding activity at one or more
6 cannabinoid receptors; or

7 (b) is a chemical isomer, salt or salt of an isomer of a compound that
8 has been demonstrated to have binding activity at one or more cannabi-
9 noid receptors.

10 "Synthetic cannabinoid" does not include any products that have been
11 approved for medical use by the United States Food and Drug Adminis-
12 tration.

13 45. "Synthetic cannabinoid analog" means any chemical that is substan-
14 tially similar in chemical structure to a chemical compound that has
15 been determined to have binding activity at one or more cannabinoid
16 receptors. It does not include any products that have been approved for
17 medical use by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

18 § 2. Subdivision 5 of section 220.00 of the penal law, as amended by
19 chapter 537 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

20 5. "Controlled substance" means any substance listed in schedule I,
21 II, III, IV or V of section thirty-three hundred six of the public
22 health law other than marihuana, but including concentrated cannabis,
23 synthetic cannabinoid, and synthetic cannabinoid analog as defined in
24 [~~paragraph (a) of subdivision four of~~] section thirty-three hundred two
25 of such law.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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