

HB 1881 -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

SPONSOR: Allen

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill adds xylazine to the list of Schedule III controlled substances as well as any material, compound, mixture, or preparation thereof. The bill provides exceptions, including the prescription or administration of xylazine, or a drug containing xylazine, to an animal, or in the manufacture, use, or distribution of xylazine as an active pharmaceutical ingredient for the purposes of manufacturing an animal drug.

This bill is similar to HB 2749 (2024).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the public health concern is real, as this substance causes a significant inflammatory response in people that does not occur when administered to animals. The substance is showing up in overdose deaths, frequently alongside fentanyl. The bill strikes a balance between protecting agricultural safety, public safety, and animal welfare.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Allen; and David A. Wilson, Missouri Veterinary Medical Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.