

HCS HB 2828 -- PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

SPONSOR: Fuchs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2828.

This bill adds the following psychoactive substances to the Schedule I list of controlled substances:

- (1) 1,4 Butanediol (BDO);
- (2) Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL); and
- (3) Gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB).

The bill additionally modifies the penalty for the offense of possession of a controlled substance. The offense of possession of a psychoactive substance, for the first offense, is a class A misdemeanor. Any subsequent offense is a class E felony. If a person under 18 years of age commits this offense by possessing a psychoactive substance, such person is guilty of an infraction.

Additionally, the bill modifies the penalty for the offense of delivery of a controlled substance. The offense of delivery of a psychoactive substance to a person under 18 years of age is a class D felony.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROponents: Supporters say that this bill will provide stricter controls on psychoactive substances that are used to drug women. Supporters further state that these controls should deter people from possessing and/or using the substances.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Fuchs; and Arnie Dienoff.

OPponents: 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.