

**PHARMACY BOARD[657]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rule making related to controlled substances  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Pharmacy hereby proposes to amend Chapter 10, “Controlled Substances,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 124.201.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 124.201.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed rule making temporarily places seven substances (synthetic opioid-related substances) into Schedule I and one substance (a new U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medication to treat insomnia) into Schedule IV of the Iowa Controlled Substances Act in response to similar action taken by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2022. Comments should be directed to:

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*Public Hearing*

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind subrule 10.39(2) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

**10.39(2)** Amend Iowa Code section 124.204(9) by adding the following new paragraphs:

y. 2-(2-(4-butoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-N,N-diethylethan-1-amine and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other name: Butonitazene.

z. 2-(2-(4-ethoxybenzyl)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-N,N-diethylethan-1-amine and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other names: Etodesnitazene; etazene.

aa. N,N-diethyl-2-(2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1-amine and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other name: Flunitazene.

ab. N,N-diethyl-2-(2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1-amine and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other name: Metodesnitazene.

ac. N,N-diethyl-2-(2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1-amine and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other name: Metonitazene.

ad. 2-(4-ethoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzimidazole and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other names: N-pyrrolidino etonitazene; etonitazepyne.

ae. N,N-diethyl-2-(5-nitro-2-(4-propoxybenzyl)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1-amine and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other name: Protonitazene.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** subrule 10.39(8):

**10.39(8)** Amend Iowa Code section 124.210(3) by adding the following new paragraph:

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