



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

June 11, 2025

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 383, an act relating to the controlled substance crystalline polymorph psilocybin.

House File 383 would allow for Iowa doctors to prescribe a synthetic version of psilocybin, a psychedelic compound found in mushrooms, should the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approve the drug at some future date.

Psilocybin has been classified by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) as a Schedule I controlled substance since 1970, which means that the scientific evidence has shown that there is a high potential for abuse, it has an increased likelihood of causing severe psychological and physical dependence, and there is a lack of acceptable medical uses.

I recognize and respect the growing body of research into the *potential* therapeutic benefits of psilocybin for mental health conditions such as depression and PTSD. However, this bill, in its current form, moves ahead of where our public health systems, regulatory frameworks, and law enforcement infrastructure are prepared to go at this time.

Moreover, House File 383 surrenders state authority to make an informed determination about classification to federal officials at the FDA. Psilocybin should first be FDA approved and rescheduled by the DEA before the State of Iowa considers rescheduling. The pathway provided by this bill for legalization of psilocybin at the state level before we have a chance to review federal action and prepare robust, federally aligned guidelines and safeguards creates legal uncertainty, poses risks for misuse, and could undermine broader efforts to ensure safe and effective therapeutic use in the future.

This decision is not a dismissal of the emerging science or the sincere advocacy behind this legislation. Rather, it is a call for a more deliberate and Iowa-centric approach—one that engages state and federal partners, provides time to review any clinical studies and federal changes, and builds a framework for any future therapeutic access that is clear, safe, equitable, and medically sound.

For these reasons, I respectfully disapprove of House File 383 in its entirety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 383

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CRYSTALLINE POLYMORPH
PSILOCYBIN.

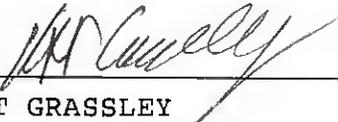
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 124.201, Code 2025, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. *a.* Notwithstanding section 124.204, subsection 4, a drug that contains the pharmaceutical composition of crystalline polymorph psilocybin, also known as COMP 360, or any other trade name approved by the United States food and drug administration, shall be immediately removed from schedule I under section 124.204, subsection 4, paragraph "s", upon its approval by the United States food and drug administration and rescheduled based upon the recommendations of the United States food and drug administration and its listing in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. §812, and 21 C.F.R. §1308.14.

b. Immediately upon the rescheduling of the drug under paragraph "a", it shall be lawful to prescribe, distribute, and market the pharmaceutical composition of crystalline polymorph

psilocybin, also known as COMP 360, or any other trade name approved by the United States food and drug administration.



PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 383, Ninety-first General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

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~~Approved~~ *DISAPPROVED*
June 1st, 2025



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor