

House File 2159 - Introduced

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BY JONES

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act designating kava as a schedule I controlled substance, and
- 2 making penalties applicable.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 124.204, subsection 9, Code 2026, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. w. Kava, meaning any parts of the plant
4 piper methysticum, whether growing or not, as well as synthetic
5 equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, and any
6 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation
7 of that plant. Other names: Ava, intoxicating pepper, kawa
8 kawa, kew, sakau, tonga, yangona.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill designates kava as a schedule I controlled
13 substance.

14 A person possessing kava is guilty of a serious misdemeanor
15 for a first offense. A person who commits a subsequent violation
16 is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. A person who has
17 previously been convicted two or more times is guilty of a class
18 "D" felony. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement
19 for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not
20 more than \$2,560. An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by
21 confinement for no more than two years and a fine of at least
22 \$855 but not more than \$8,540. A class "D" felony is punishable
23 by confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least
24 \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245.