

Agency Bill Requests – 2025 Legislative Session

Requesting Department: Inspection, Appeals, & Licensing

Title: Controlled Substance Schedules

Background (brief description of the issue, current law or status):

Iowa Code sets out the controlled schedule in which substances belong. The Board of Pharmacy is statutorily required to recommend scheduling changes, when appropriate. Annually, the Board makes temporary Code changes to identify a schedule for a substance, always in response to similar scheduling action taken by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. The statutorily authorized temporary scheduling actions are valid for two years. During each annual legislative session, the Board proposes to the legislature to make such temporary actions permanent. If the legislature declines or fails to make the temporary actions permanent within two years, the temporary actions are invalidated by the agency of law.

Proposed solution (supporting documentation for determining if the request will be accepted; include as much information as necessary for informed decision-making):

Recommend permanent scheduling changes to align with federal regulation. Please see attached language.

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, how much?

Who would be supportive of this proposal?:

Interested stakeholders who would be supportive of this proposal include the Iowa Pharmacy Association, hospitals and laboratories seeking distribution of certain concentrations of iodine for testing purposes, and public safety/law enforcement.

Other impacted stakeholders?:

The general public of Iowa would be impacted positively by ensuring that hospitals and laboratories have access to the materials needed to complete various tests using certain concentrations of iodine. Also, the general public of Iowa would be impacted positively by allowing public safety/law enforcement the mechanism to take enforcement action against illicit substances found in our communities.

Has proposal been pre-cleared before? If so, what is prior legislative history?:

Yes, the Board has annually proposed a controlled substance scheduling bill with no instances of opposition for scheduling alignment with federal regulations.