Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to subsection D of § 54.1-3443, the Board of Pharmacy is giving notice of a public hearing to consider placement of chemical substances in Schedule I of the Drug Control Act. The public hearing will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2017 at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23233. Public comment may also be submitted electronically or in writing prior to March 7, 2017 to Caroline Juran, Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy to caroline.juran@dhp.virginia.gov.

Pursuant to article § 54.1-3443(D), The Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS) has identified eight (8) compounds for recommended inclusion into the Code of Virginia. I have provided a brief description and chemical name for each compound.

The following compounds are classified as research chemicals. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(3)) in previous legislative sessions.

1. 6-ethyl-6-nor-lysergic acid diethylamide (other name: ETH-LAD), its optical, position, and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

2. 6-allyl-6-nor-lysergic acid diethylamide (other name: AL-LAD), its optical, position, and geometric isomers, salts and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

The following compounds are powerful synthetic opioids. DFS recommends placing these compounds into Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(1)).

3. N-[1-[2-hydroxy-2-(2-thienyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (other name: beta-hydroxythiofentanyl), its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation.

4. N-(2-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide (other names: 2-fluorofentanyl, ortho-fluorofentanyl), its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation.

5. N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-2-propenamide (other name: Acryl fentanyl), its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation.

The following compounds are classified as cannabimimetic agents. Compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(7)) in previous legislative sessions.
6. 1-pentyl-N-(phenylmethyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxamide (other name: SDB-006), its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

7. quinolin-8-yl 1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxylate (other name: FUB-PB-22), its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

The following compound is classified as a benzodiazepine, which is a central nervous system depressant. Flubromazepam has no accepted medical use in the United States. Other compounds of this type have been placed in Schedule I (§ 54.1-3446(4)).

8. Flubromazepam, its salts, isomers and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

If approved by the Board of Pharmacy, the placement of these substances in Schedule I in the Virginia Drug Control Act shall remain in effect for a period of 18 months from the date of Board action and shall then be de-scheduled unless the Drug Control Act is amended by enactment of legislation by the General Assembly.