

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of hexahydrocannabinol in Schedule I of Controlled Substances

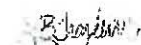
WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Section 44-53-160(C), as amended by 2026 Act No. 146, § 163, the South Carolina Department of Public Health shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order affecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a final rule placing 6,6,9-trimethyl-3-pentyl-6a,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-6H-benzo[c]chromen-1-ol (also known as hexahydrocannabinol, and HHC) as a separate listing under Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act ("CSA") with its separate drug code, effective May 4, 2026, F.R. Volume 91, Number 85, pp. 23913-23915;

WHEREAS, hexahydrocannabinol is already controlled in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act as a tetrahydrocannabinol, which means that the regulatory and criminal sanctions applicable to schedule I controlled substance tetrahydrocannabinol on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, reverse distribute, import export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities or chemical analysis with, or possess) or propose to handle tetrahydrocannabinol are already applicable to hexahydrocannabinol;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that as hexahydrocannabinol is currently controlled in schedule I as it meets the definition of tetrahydrocannabinols, which makes no substantive difference in the status of this drug as a schedule I controlled substance, but instead is a minor, technical amendment with insignificant public interest, the DEA found that publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking and soliciting public comment are unnecessary and that good cause exists to dispense with these procedures;

THEREFORE, the South Carolina Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of 6,6,9-trimethyl-3-pentyl-6a,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-6H-benzo[c]chromen-1-ol (also known as hexahydrocannabinol, and HHC), as a separate listing under Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act.



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