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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the designation of certain synthetic compounds to
- 3 Penalty Group 2 or 2-A of the Texas Controlled Substances Act;
- 4 increasing penalties for certain persons convicted of the
- 5 manufacture and delivery of controlled substances.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Sections 481.002(5) and (6), Health and Safety
- 8 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 9 (5) "Controlled substance" means a substance,
- 10 including a drug, an adulterant, and a dilutant, listed in
- 11 Schedules I through V or Penalty Group [Groups] 1, 1-A, [or] 2, 2-A,
- 12 <u>3, or [through]</u> 4. The term includes the aggregate weight of any
- 13 mixture, solution, or other substance containing a controlled
- 14 substance.
- 15 (6) "Controlled substance analogue" means:
- 16 (A) a substance with a chemical structure
- 17 substantially similar to the chemical structure of a controlled
- 18 substance in Schedule I or II or Penalty Group 1, 1-A, [or] 2, or
- 19 2-A; or
- 20 (B) a substance specifically designed to produce
- 21 an effect substantially similar to, or greater than, the effect of a
- 22 controlled substance in Schedule I or II or Penalty Group 1, 1-A,
- 23  $[\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}] 2$ , or 2-A.
- SECTION 2. Section 481.103(a), Health and Safety Code, is

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amended to read as follows:
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 2
          (a) Penalty Group 2 consists of:
 3
               (1) any quantity of the following hallucinogenic
   substances, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, unless
 4
 5
   specifically excepted, if the existence of these salts, isomers,
   and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical
 6
 7
   designation:
8
                    alpha-ethyltryptamine;
 9
                    alpha-methyltryptamine;
                    5-(2-aminopropyl)benzofuran (5-APB);
10
                    6-(2-aminopropyl)benzofuran (6-APB);
11
12
                    5-(2-aminopropyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran
13
    (5-APDB);
14
                    6-(2-aminopropyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran
15
   (6-APDB);
                    5-(2-aminopropyl)indole (Trade or other names:
16
17
   5-IT, 5-API);
                    6-(2-aminopropyl)indole (Trade or other names:
18
19
   6-IT, 6-API);
                    Benzothiophenylcyclohexylpiperidine (BTCP);
20
21
                    4-bromo-2, 5-dimethoxyamphetamine (some trade or
   other names:
                  4-bromo-2, 5-dimethoxy-alpha-methylphenethylamine;
22
   4-bromo-2, 5-DMA);
23
24
                    4-bromo-2, 5-dimethoxyphenethylamine;
25
                    8-bromo-alpha-methyl-benzo[1,2-b:4,5-b']difuran-
26
   4-ethanamine (Trade or other name: Bromo-DragonFLY);
                    Bufotenine (some trade and other names: 3-(beta-
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 1
   Dimethylaminoethyl)-5-hydroxyindole; 3-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)-5-
   indolol;
                 Ν,
                        N-dimethylserotonin;
                                                  5-hydroxy-N,
2
                                                                    N-
 3
   dimethyltryptamine; mappine);
4
                    Desoxypipradrol (2-benzhydrylpiperidine);
5
                    Diethyltryptamine (some trade and other names: N,
   N-Diethyltryptamine, DET);
6
7
                    2, 5-dimethoxyamphetamine (some trade or other
8
   names: 2, 5-dimethoxy-alpha-methylphenethylamine; 2, 5-DMA);
                    2, 5-dimethoxy-4-ethylamphetamine (trade or other
9
10
   name: DOET);
                          5-dimethoxy-4-(n)-propylthiophenethylamine
11
                    2,
12
    (trade or other name: 2C-T-7);
                    Dimethyltryptamine (trade or other name: DMT);
13
14
                    Diphenylprolinol (diphenyl(pyrrolidin-2-yl)
15
   methanol, D2PM);
16
                    Dronabinol
                                 (synthetic) in sesame
                                                             oil
                                                                   and
17
   encapsulated in a soft gelatin capsule in a U.S. Food and Drug
   Administration approved drug product (some trade or other names for
18
19
   Dronabinol:
                     (a6aR-trans)-6a,7,8,10a-tetrahydro-
   trimethyl-3-pentyl-6H- dibenzo [b,d]pyran-1-ol or (-)-delta-9-
20
    (trans) - tetrahydrocannabinol);
21
                    Ethylamine Analog of Phencyclidine (some trade or
22
23
   other
                             N-ethyl-1-phenylcyclohexylamine,
             names:
   phenylcyclohexyl) ethylamine, N-(1-phenylcyclohexyl) ethylamine,
24
   cyclohexamine, PCE);
25
26
                    2-ethylamino-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexanone
27
   (Trade or other name: methoxetamine);
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1
                    Ibogaine (some trade or other names: 7-Ethyl-6,
   6, beta 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13-octahydro-2-methoxy-6, 9-methano-5H-
2
   pyrido [1', 2':1, 2] azepino [5, 4-b] indole; tabernanthe iboga.);
3
4
                    5-iodo-2-aminoindane (5-IAI);
 5
                    Mescaline;
                    5-methoxy-N,
                                              N-diisopropyltryptamine
6
7
    (5-MeO-DIPT);
8
                    5-methoxy-N, N-diallyltryptamine (5MeO-DALT);
9
                    5-methoxy-3, 4-methylenedioxy amphetamine;
                    4-methoxyamphetamine (some trade or other names:
10
   4-methoxy-alpha-methylphenethylamine; paramethoxyamphetamine;
11
12
   PMA);
13
                    4-methoxymethamphetamine (PMMA);
                    2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(methylamino)cyclohexanone
14
15
   (Trade or other names: 2-MeO-ketamine; methoxyketamine);
16
                    1-methyl- 4-phenyl-4-propionoxypiperidine (MPPP,
17
   PPMP);
                    4-methyl-2, 5-dimethoxyamphetamine (some trade
18
19
    and
             other
                         names:
                                 4-methyl-2,
                                                   5-dimethoxy-alpha-
   methylphenethylamine; "DOM"; "STP");
20
21
                    3,4-methylenedioxy methamphetamine (MDMA, MDM);
                    3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine;
2.2
23
                    3,4-methylenedioxy N-ethylamphetamine
                                                                 (Also
24
   known as N-ethyl MDA);
25
                    5,6-methylenedioxy-2-aminoindane (MDAI);
26
                    Nabilone (Another name for nabilone: (+)-trans-
   3-(1,1-dimethylheptyl)- 6,6a, 7,8,10,10a-hexahydro-1-hydroxy- 6,
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 1
   6-dimethyl-9H-dibenzo[b,d] pyran-9-one;
2
                    N-benzylpiperazine (some trade or other names:
 3
   BZP; 1-benzylpiperazine);
4
                    N-ethyl-3-piperidyl benzilate;
5
                    N-hydroxy-3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine
                                                                 (Also
   known as N-hydroxy MDA);
6
7
                    4-methylaminorex;
                    N-methyl-3-piperidyl benzilate;
8
9
                    O-Acetylpsilocin (Trade or other
                                                                 name:
10
   4-Aco-DMT);
                    Parahexyl (some trade or other names: 3-Hexyl-1-
11
   hydroxy-7, 8, 9, 10-tetrahydro-6, 6, 9-trimethyl-6H-dibenzo [b, d]
12
13
   pyran; Synhexyl);
14
                    1-Phenylcyclohexylamine;
15
                    1-Piperidinocyclohexanecarbonitrile (PCC);
16
                    Psilocin;
17
                    Psilocybin;
                    Pyrrolidine Analog of Phencyclidine (some trade
18
   or other names: 1-(1-phenylcyclohexyl)-pyrrolidine, PCPy, PHP);
19
20
                    Tetrahydrocannabinols, other than marihuana, and
   synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, or
21
   in the resinous extractives of Cannabis, or synthetic substances,
22
   derivatives, and their isomers with similar chemical structure and
23
24
   pharmacological activity such as:
25
                          delta-1 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol,
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delta-6 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol,

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and their optical isomers;

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 1
   and their optical isomers;
 2
                          delta-3,
                                        4
                                               cis
                                                        or
                                                                trans
   tetrahydrocannabinol, and its optical isomers;
 3
 4
                         compounds of these structures, regardless of
 5
   numerical designation of atomic positions, since nomenclature of
   these substances is not internationally standardized;
 6
 7
                    Thiophene Analog of Phencyclidine (some trade or
8
   other names:
                  1-[1-(2-thienyl) cyclohexyl] piperidine; 2-Thienyl
   Analog of Phencyclidine; TPCP, TCP);
 9
10
                    1-pyrrolidine (some trade or other name: TCPy);
                    1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazine (trade or
11
12
   other name: TFMPP); and
                    3,4,5-trimethoxy amphetamine;
13
14
                    Phenylacetone (some trade or
                                                       other
                                                               names:
15
   Phenyl-2-propanone; P2P, Benzymethyl ketone,
                                                      methyl
                                                               benzyl
16
   ketone);
17
               (3) unless specifically excepted or unless listed in
             Penalty Group, a material, compound, mixture,
18
   another
   preparation that contains any quantity of the following substances
19
   having a potential for abuse associated with a depressant or
20
21
   stimulant effect on the central nervous system:
22
                    Aminorex (some trade or other names: aminoxaphen;
23
   2-amino-5-phenyl-2-oxazoline;
                                                       4,5-dihydro-5-
24
   phenyl-2-oxazolamine);
25
                    Amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers,
26
   salts of optical isomers;
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Cathinone (some trade or other names: 2-amino-1-

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 1
   phenyl-1-propanone,
                          alpha-aminopropiophenone,
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   aminopropiophenone);
2
 3
                    Etaqualone and its salts;
                    Etorphine Hydrochloride;
4
 5
                    Fenethylline and its salts;
6
                    Lisdexamfetamine, including its salts, isomers,
   and salts of isomers;
7
8
                    Mecloqualone and its salts;
9
                    Methaqualone and its salts;
                    Methcathinone (some trade or other names:
10
                                                                   2-
   methylamino-propiophenone;
                                alpha-(methylamino)propriophenone;
11
12
   2-(methylamino)-1-phenylpropan-1-one;
                                                             alpha-N-
13
   methylaminopropriophenone;
                               monomethylpropion; ephedrone,
14
   methylcathinone; methylcathinone; AL-464; AL-422; AL-463; and UR
15
   1431);
16
                    N-Ethylamphetamine, its salts, optical isomers,
17
   and salts of optical isomers; and
                    N,N-dimethylamphetamine (some trade or
18
                                                                other
19
   names:
                              N,N,alpha-trimethylbenzeneethaneamine;
   N,N,alpha-trimethylphenethylamine), its salts, optical isomers,
20
   and salts of optical isomers; and
21
               (4)
                                                      derived
22
                    any
                          compound
                                     structurally
                                                                 from
23
   2-aminopropanal by substitution at the 1-position with
24
   monocyclic or fused-polycyclic ring system, including:
25
                    (A) compounds further modified by:
26
                         (i) substitution in the ring system to any
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alkyl, alkoxy, alkylenedioxy, haloalkyl,

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extent (including

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   hydroxyl,
              or
                  halide substituents), whether or not further
   substituted in the ring system by other substituents;
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 3
                          (ii) substitution at the 3-position with an
 4
   acyclic alkyl substituent; or
 5
                          (iii) substitution at the 2-amino nitrogen
    atom with alkyl, [or dialkyl, benzyl, or methoxybenzyl groups, or
 6
    inclusion of the 2-amino nitrogen atom in a cyclic structure; and
 7
8
                     (B)
                          by example, compounds such as:
 9
                          4-Methoxymethcathinone (Also
                                                            known
                                                                     as
10
    Methedrone);
                          4-Methylmethcathinone
                                                    (Also
11
                                                            known
                                                                     as
12
   Mephedrone);
                          3,4-Dimethylmethcathinone
13
                                                       (Also
14
    3,4-DMMC);
15
                          3-Fluoromethcathinone (Also known as 3-FMC);
16
                          4-Fluoromethcathinone
                                                    (Also
                                                            known
                                                                     as
17
    Flephedrone);
                          3,4-Methylenedioxy-N-methylcathinone
18
19
   known as Methylone);
20
                          3,4-Methylenedioxypyrovalerone (Also known
21
   as MDPV);
22
                          alpha-Pyrrolidinopentiophenone (Also known
23
    as alpha-PVP);
24
                          Naphthylpyrovalerone
                                                 (Also
                                                           known
                                                                     as
25
   Naphyrone);
26
                          beta-Keto-N-methylbenzodioxolylpropylamine
27
    (Also known as Butylone);
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1
                          beta-Keto-N-methylbenzodioxolylpentanamine
 2
    (Also known as Pentylone);
 3
                          beta-Keto-Ethylbenzodioxolylbutanamine
 4
    (Also known as Eutylone); and
 5
                          3,4-methylenedioxy-N-ethylcathinone
                                                                (Also
 6
   known as Ethylone).
 7
          SECTION 3. Section 481.1031, Health and Safety Code,
8
    amended to read as follows:
                                   GROUP
                                           2-A.
 9
          Sec. 481.1031. PENALTY
                                                 Penalty Group
   consists of any quantity of a synthetic chemical compound that is a
10
   cannabinoid receptor agonist and mimics the pharmacological effect
11
   of naturally occurring cannabinoids, including:
12
               naphthoylindoles
                                    structurally
                                                     derived
13
                                                                 from
14
   3-(1-naphthoyl)indole with or without [by] substitution at the
15
   nitrogen atom of the indole ring by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,
                                            (N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)
   cycloalkylmethyl,
                       cycloalkylethyl,
16
17
   methyl,
                  cyanoalkyl, (N-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl,
   (tetrahydropyran-4-yl)methyl, ((N-methyl)-3-morpholinyl)methyl,
18
    or 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, whether or not further substituted in
19
   the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted in the
20
   napthyl ring to any extent, including:
21
22
                    AM-2201;
23
                    JWH-004;
24
                    JWH-007;
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                    JWH-009;
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                    JWH-015;
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JWH-016;

1	JWH-018;
2	JWH-019;
3	JWH-020;
4	JWH-046;
5	JWH-047;
6	JWH-048;
7	JWH-049;
8	JWH-050;
9	JWH-073;
10	JWH-076;
11	JWH-079;
12	JWH-080;
13	JWH-081;
14	JWH-082;
15	JWH-083;
16	JWH-093;
17	JWH-094;
18	JWH-095;
19	JWH-096;
20	JWH-097;
21	JWH-098;
22	JWH-099;
23	JWH-100;
24	JWH-116;
25	JWH-122;
26	JWH-148;
27	JWH-149;

JWH-153;
JWH-159;
JWH-164;
JWH-165;
JWH-166;
JWH-180;
JWH-181;
JWH-182;
JWH-189;
JWH-193;
JWH-198;
JWH-200;
JWH-210;
JWH-211;
JWH-212;
JWH-213;
JWH-234;
JWH-235;
JWH-239;
JWH-240;
JWH-241;
JWH-242;
JWH-258;
JWH-259;
JWH-260;
JWH-262;
JWH-267;

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                    JWH-386;
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                    JWH-387;
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                    JWH-394;
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                    JWH-395;
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                    JWH-397;
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                    JWH-398;
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                    JWH-399;
8
                    JWH-400;
 9
                    JWH-412;
                    JWH-413; and
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11
                    JWH-414;
               naphthylmethylindones structurally derived
12
                                                                from
   1H-indol-3-yl-(1-naphthyl)methane
                                        with or without
13
   substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring by alkyl,
14
15
   haloalkyl,
                  alkenyl, cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl,
   (N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl, cyanoalkyl, (N-methylpyrrolidin-
16
   2-y1)methy1, (tetrahydropyran-4-y1)methy1, ((N-methy1)-3-
17
   morpholinyl)methyl,
                        or 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, whether or not
18
   further substituted in the indole ring to any extent, whether or not
19
20
   substituted in the naphthyl ring to any extent, including:
                    JWH-175;
21
22
                    JWH-184;
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                    JWH-185;
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                    JWH-192;
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                    JWH-194;
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                    JWH-195;
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                    JWH-196;
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1
                    JWH-197; and
 2
                    JWH-199;
 3
               naphthoylpyrroles
                                   structurally
                                                     derived
                                                                 from
 4
   3-(1-naphthoyl)pyrrole with or without [by] substitution at the
   nitrogen atom of the pyrrole ring by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,
 5
 6
   cycloalkylmethyl,
                       cycloalkylethyl,
                                            (N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)
   methyl, cyanoalkyl, (N-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl,
 7
   (tetrahydropyran-4-yl)methyl, ((N-methyl)-3-morpholinyl)methyl,
8
   or 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, whether or not further substituted in
 9
   the pyrrole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted in the
10
   naphthyl ring to any extent, including:
11
                    JWH-030;
12
13
                    JWH-145;
14
                    JWH-146;
15
                    JWH-147;
16
                    JWH-150;
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                    JWH-156;
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                    JWH-243;
                    JWH-244;
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20
                    JWH-245;
                    JWH-246;
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                    JWH-292;
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                    JWH-293;
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                    JWH-307;
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                    JWH-308;
                    JWH-309;
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JWH-346;

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JWH-347;
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                    JWH-348;
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                    JWH-363;
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                    JWH-364;
                    JWH-365;
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                    JWH-366;
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                    JWH-367;
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                    JWH-368;
                    JWH-369;
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                    JWH-370;
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11
                    JWH-371;
                    JWH-372;
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13
                    JWH-373; and
                    JWH-392;
14
               naphthylmethylindenes structurally derived
15
   1-(1-naphthylmethyl)indene with or without [by] substitution at
16
   the 3-position of the indene ring by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,
17
   cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl,
                                            (N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)
18
   methyl, cyanoalkyl, (N-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl,
19
   (tetrahydropyran-4-yl)methyl, ((N-methyl)-3-morpholinyl)methyl,
20
   or 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, whether or not further substituted in
21
22
   the indene ring to any extent, whether or not substituted in the
23
   naphthyl ring to any extent, including:
24
                    JWH-171;
25
                    JWH-172;
                    JWH-173; and
26
27
                    JWH-176;
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 1
               phenylacetylindoles structurally
                                                     derived
                                                                from
   3-phenylacetylindole with or without [by] substitution at the
 2
   nitrogen atom of the indole ring with alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,
 3
 4
   cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl,
                                            (N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)
 5
   methyl, cyanoalkyl, (N-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl,
   (tetrahydropyran-4-yl)methyl, ((N-methyl)-3-morpholinyl)methyl,
 6
   or 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, whether or not further substituted in
 7
8
   the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted in the
 9
   phenyl ring to any extent, including:
10
                    AM-694;
11
                    AM-1241;
12
                    JWH-167;
                    JWH-203;
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14
                    JWH-204;
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                    JWH-205;
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                    JWH-206;
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                    JWH-208;
                    JWH-237;
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                    JWH-248;
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                    JWH-249;
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                    JWH-250;
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                    JWH-251;
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                    JWH-252;
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                    JWH-253;
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                    JWH-302;
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                    JWH-303;
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JWH-305;

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                    JWH-306;
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                    JWH-311;
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                    JWH-312;
                    JWH-313;
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5
                    JWH-314; and
                    JWH-315;
6
7
              cyclohexylphenols structurally derived
                                                               from
8
   2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)phenol with or without [by] substitution at
   the 5-position of the phenolic ring by alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,
9
10
   cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl,
                                           (N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)
   methyl, cyanoalkyl, (N-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl,
11
12
   (tetrahydropyran-4-yl)methyl, ((N-methyl)-3-morpholinyl)methyl,
   or 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, whether or not substituted in the
13
14
   cyclohexyl ring to any extent, including:
                   CP-55,940;
15
16
                    CP-47,497;
17
                    analogues of CP-47,497, including VII, V, VIII, I,
   II, III, IV, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XV, and XVI;
18
19
                    JWH - 337;
20
                    JWH-344;
21
                    JWH-345; and
                    JWH-405; [and]
22
23
              benzoylindoles structurally derived
24
   3-(1-naphthoyl)indole with or without substitution at the nitrogen
   atom of the indole ring with alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,
25
26
   cycloalkylmethyl, cycloalkylethyl, (N-methylpiperidin-2-yl)
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methyl, cyanoalkyl, (N-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl,

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- 1 (tetrahydropyran-4-yl)methyl, ((N-methyl)-3-morpholinyl)methyl,
- 2 or 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, whether or not further substituted in
- 3 the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted in the
- 4 phenyl ring to any extent, including:
- 5 1-pentyl-3-(4-methoxybenzoyl)indole (RCS-4); and
- 1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-2-methyl-3-(4-
- 7 methoxybenzoyl)indole (Pravadoline or WIN 48,098); and
- 8 cannabinol derivatives, except where contained in
- 9 marihuana, including tetrahydro derivatives of cannabinol and
- 10 3-alkyl homologues of cannabinol or of its tetrahydro derivatives,
- 11 such as:
- 12 Nabilone;
- 13 HU-210;
- 14 HU-211; and
- 15 WIN-55,212-2.
- 16 SECTION 4. Section 481.106, Health and Safety Code, is
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 481.106. CLASSIFICATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
- 19 ANALOGUE. For the purposes of the prosecution of an offense under
- 20 this subchapter involving the manufacture, delivery, or possession
- 21 of a controlled substance, Penalty Groups 1, 1-A, [and] 2, and 2-A
- 22 include a controlled substance analogue that:
- 23 (1) has a chemical structure substantially similar to
- 24 the chemical structure of a controlled substance listed in the
- 25 applicable penalty group; or
- 26 (2) is specifically designed to produce an effect
- 27 substantially similar to, or greater than, a controlled substance

- 1 listed in the applicable penalty group.
- 2 SECTION 5. Section 481.119(a), Health and Safety Code, is
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly
- 5 manufactures, delivers, or possesses with intent to deliver a
- 6 controlled substance listed in a schedule by an action of the
- 7 commissioner under this chapter but not listed in a penalty group.
- 8 An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor, except
- 9 that the offense is:
- 10 (1) a state jail felony, if the person has been
- 11 previously convicted of an offense under this subsection; or
- 12 (2) a felony of the third degree, if the person has
- 13 been previously convicted two or more times of an offense under this
- 14 subsection.
- 15 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
- 16 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
- 17 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
- 18 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
- 19 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
- 20 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
- 21 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.
- 22 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.