

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

State of Arkansas

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82nd General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 1999

SENATE BILL 502

By: Senator Kennedy

By: Representative Womack

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO MAKE GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRATE A SCHEDULE VI
DRUG; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

"AN ACT TO MAKE GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRATE A
SCHEDULE VI DRUG. "

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Arkansas Code 5-64-215 is amended to read as follows:

"5-64-215. Substances in Schedule VI.

(a) Any material, compound, mixture, or preparation, whether produced directly or indirectly from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, which contains any quantity of the following substances, or which contains any of their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation are included in Schedule VI:

1. Marijuana

2. Tetrahydrocannabinols

Synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, or in the resinous extractives of Cannabis, sp. and/or synthetic substances, derivatives, and their isomers with similar chemical structure and pharmacological activity such as the following:

[] 1 cis or trans

1 tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical isomers

2 [] 6 cis or trans

4 tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical isomers

6 [] 3.4 cis or trans

8 tetrahydrocannabinol, and its optical isomers.

10 (b) Gamma-hydroxybutyrate; also known as GHB, gamma-hydroxybutyric
11 acid, sodium oxybate, sodium oxybutyrate, gamma-hydroxybutyrate sodium, gamma-
12 OH, 4-hydroxybutyrate, gamma-hydrate, somatomax PM, somasnit, and gamma-
13 hidroxibutirato; is hereby designated a Schedule VI drug. The Director of the
14 Department of Health shall amend the Schedule VI list of controlled substances
15 to include gamma-hydroxybutyrate as a Schedule VI drug and it shall remain a
16 Schedule VI drug.

17 (c) Provided, that the director shall not delete the controlled
18 substances listed in this section from Schedule VI.

19 (d) Nothing in this act shall prohibit a physician from prescribing the
20 drug GHB, if the physician is authorized to prescribe GHB under specific FDA
21 exemptions for investigational research protocols."

23 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
24 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
25 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

27 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
31 act are declared to be severable.

33 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
34 hereby repealed.

35 /s/ Kennedy, et al