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House of Representatives, March 8, 2012

An Act To Provide a More Comprehensive Ban on the Possession of Synthetic Hallucinogenic Drugs

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1101, sub-§16-A, ¶¶G and H,** as enacted by PL 2011, c.
3 465, §5, are amended to read:

4 G. Naphthylpyrovalerone, NRG-1;øø

5 H. Beta-keto-N-methylbenzodioxolylpropylamine;;

6 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1101, sub-§16-A, ¶¶I and J** are enacted to read:

7 I. 2, 5 - dimethoxy-4-ethylphenethylamine; and

8 J. Any nonorganic, chemically synthesized drug identified by rule adopted by the
9 Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to Title 25, section 2956, subsection 4 as
10 being similar in effect to those identified in paragraphs A to I.

11 **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2956, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

12 **4. Synthetic hallucinogenic drugs.** The commissioner may with advice of the
13 board adopt rules identifying synthetic hallucinogenic drugs as defined in Title 17-A,
14 section 1101, subsection 16-A. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine
15 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill expands the category of illegal synthetic hallucinogenic drugs by permitting
18 the Commissioner of Public Safety to identify by rule drugs similar in effect to those
19 currently specified in statute in recognition of the fact that the development of synthetic
20 hallucinogenic drugs is expanding rapidly and flexibility is needed to identify dangerous
21 drugs in an expeditious manner.