

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 453.146 and 639.070.

A REGULATION relating to controlled substances; designating tramadol as a schedule IV controlled substance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes five schedules of controlled substances. Substances are categorized based on: (1) the potential for abuse of the substance; (2) whether there is an accepted medical use for the substance; and (3) the potential for physical and psychological dependence on the substance. (NRS 453.166-453.206) Under existing law, the State Board of Pharmacy is authorized to add, delete or reschedule substances listed as controlled substances in each schedule. (NRS 453.146) The Board is required to place a substance in schedule IV if it finds that: (1) the substance has a low potential for abuse relative to substances in schedule III; (2) the substance has currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States; and (3) abuse of the substance may lead to limited physical or psychological dependence relative to the substances in schedule III. (NRS 453.196) This regulation adds tramadol to the list of substances in schedule IV.

Section 1. NAC 453.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

453.540 1. Schedule IV consists of the drugs and other substances listed in this section, by whatever official, common, usual, chemical or trade name designated.

2. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or preparation containing any of the following narcotic drugs, including, without limitation, their salts, calculated as the free anhydrous base of alkaloid, is hereby enumerated on schedule IV, in quantities:

(a) Not more than 1 milligram of difenoxin and not less than 25 micrograms of atropine sulfate per dosage unit; or

(b) Dextropropoxyphene (alpha-(+)-4-dimethylamino-1,2-diphenyl-3-methyl-2-propionoxybutane).

3. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances, including, without limitation, their salts, isomers and salts of isomers, is hereby enumerated on schedule IV, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation:

Alprazolam;

Barbital;

Bromazepam;

Butorphanol;

Camazepam;

Carisoprodol;

Chloral betaine;

Chloral hydrate;

Chlordiazepoxide;

Clobazam;

Clonazepam;

Clorazepate;

Clotiazepam;

Cloxazolam;
Delorazepam;
Diazepam;
Dichloralphenazone;
Estazolam;
Ethchlorvynol;
Ethinamate;
Ethyl loflazepate;
Fludiazepam;
Flunitrazepam;
Flurazepam;
Halazepam;
Haloxazolam;
Ketazolam;
Loprazolam;
Lorazepam;
Lormetazepam;
Mebutamate;
Medazepam;
Meprobamate;
Methohexital;
Methylphenobarbital (mephobarbital);
Midazolam;

Nimetazepam;

Nitrazepam;

Nordiazepam;

Oxazepam;

Oxazolam;

Paraldehyde;

Petrichloral;

Phenobarbital;

Pinazepam;

Prazepam;

Quazepam;

Temazepam;

Tetrazepam;

Tramadol (2-((dimethylamino)methyl)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexanol);

Triazolam;

Zaleplon;

Zolpidem; or

Zopiclone.

4. Any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of fenfluramine, including, without limitation, its salts, isomers and salts of such isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible, is hereby enumerated on

schedule IV. For the purposes of this subsection, “isomer” includes, without limitation, the optical, position or geometric isomer.

5. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a stimulant effect on the central nervous system, including, without limitation, their salts, isomers and salts of isomers, is hereby enumerated on schedule IV:

Cathine ((+)-norpseudoephedrine);

Diethylpropion;

Fencamfamin;

Fenproporex;

Mazindol;

Mefenorex;

Modafinil;

Pemoline (including organometallic complexes and chelates thereof);

Phentermine;

Pipradrol;

Sibutramine; or

SPA ((-)-dimethylamino-1,2,diphenylethane).

6. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of pentazocine, including, without limitation, its salts, is hereby enumerated on schedule IV.