

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : **REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BOARD : **CR 20-077**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: n/a

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

On June 5, 2020, the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration provided a letter to the Controlled Substances Board indicating that as a result of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, the Federal Drug Administration approved drug product Epidiolex is no longer controlled under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 defines the term “hemp” to “mean the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (also known as Δ 9-THC) concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.” (7 U.S.C. § 1639o.). The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 also amended the Controlled Substances Act by excluding “hemp” from the definition of marijuana under 21 U.S.C. § 802 (16) and the listing of tetrahydrocannabinols under 21 U.S.C. § 812 (c).

The prescription drug product Epidiolex is a cannabis derivative with a Δ 9-THC concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis. Therefore, as a result of the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration letter and the Agricultural Improvement Act, the drug product Epidiolex is no longer controlled under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

On August 21, 2020, the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration

published its interim final rule in the Federal Register removing drug products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that contain cannabidiol derived from cannabis and no more than 0.1% (w/w) residual tetrahydrocannabinols from schedule V.

The Controlled Substances Board took affirmative action on June 23, 2020 to similarly treat U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved cannabidiol under chapter 961 effective June 29, 2020 to allow for publication in the Administrative Register. The Affirmative Action Order will expire upon promulgation of a final rule.

This rule repeals s. 961.22 (7), Stats., removing Food and Drug Administration approved cannabidiol from Schedule V. In addition, this rule creates s. 961.14 (4) (t) 4., Stats., creating an exception from Schedule I (under tetrahydrocannabinols) for an FDA approved cannabidiol derived from cannabis and no more than 0.1 percent (w/w) residual tetrahydrocannabinols. This exception is created so that the repeal of FDA approved cannabidiol from Schedule V does not revert these substances to inclusion in Schedule I.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Per s. 961.11(4), Stats., if no objection is made, the board shall promulgate a final rule for which notice of proposed rulemaking is omitted. Therefore, the Board did not hold a public hearing.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Legislative Council staff did not make any recommendations.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS: N/A