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HOUSE BILL NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DRUGS: Provides relative to regulation of certain hallucinogenic chemicals

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:989.5, relative to hallucinogenic chemicals; to prohibit the production,  
3 manufacturing, distribution, or possession of products containing certain  
4 hallucinogenic chemicals; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:989.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §989.5. Unlawful production, manufacturing, distribution, or possession of  
9 prohibited chemicals

10 A.(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally  
11 produce, manufacture, distribute, or possess with intent to produce, manufacture, or  
12 distribute a material, compound, mixture, preparation, or product intended for human  
13 consumption which contains beta-phenyl-GABA, muscimol, ibotenic acid, or any  
14 analog thereof.

15 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be  
16 sentenced to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not less than two years  
17 nor more than ten years, or fined not more than twenty thousand dollars, or both.

18 B.(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally  
19 possess a material, compound, mixture, preparation, or product intended for human

1 consumption which contains beta-phenyl-GABA, muscimol, ibotenic acid, or any  
2 analog thereof.

3 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be  
4 sentenced to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years  
5 or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

6 C. For the purposes of this Section, "analog" means a chemical compound  
7 that has a similar structure to beta-phenyl-GABA, muscimol, or ibotenic acid and,  
8 when consumed, produces similar effects.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the production, manufacture, distribution, or possession of products containing the hallucinogenic chemicals beta-phenyl-GABA, muscimol, or ibotenic acid and any analogs thereof.

Proposed law creates the crime of producing, manufacturing, distributing, or possessing with intent to produce, manufacture, or distribute products intended for human consumption that contain beta-phenyl-GABA, muscimol, ibotenic acid, or any analog thereof.

Proposed law provides a penalty of two to 10 years imprisonment with or without hard labor, or a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both for a conviction of producing, manufacturing, distributing, or possessing with intent to do so.

Proposed law creates the crime of possession of products intended for human consumption that contains beta-phenyl-GABA, muscimol, ibotenic acid, or any analog thereof.

Proposed law provides a penalty of not more than five years imprisonment with or without hard labor, or a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both for a conviction of possession.

Proposed law defines "analog".

(Adds R.S. 40:989.5)