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## DIGEST

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HB 36 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds consumable hemp to the La. Drug Dealer Liability Act.

Present law (R.S. 9:2800.62(2)) defines "illegal controlled substance" as cocaine, phencyclidine, heroin, or methamphetamine, and any other illegal controlled dangerous substance the possession or distribution of which is a violation present law.

Proposed law expands the definition of "illegal controlled substance" to include consumable hemp product as defined in R.S. 3:1481 (any product derived from industrial hemp that contains any cannabinoid, including cannabidiol or THC, and is intended for consumption or topical use) when it is in violation of R.S. 3:1482 (prohibitions) and other provisions of present law.

Present law (R.S. 9:2800.63(A)) provides a list of people who have a cause of action for damages caused by an individual's use of an illegal controlled substance. Present law (R.S. 9:2800.63(B)) also provides the circumstances which give rise to that cause of action.

Proposed law includes an action for damages when a person sells, administers, or furnishes consumable hemp to a person under the age of 21.

(Amends R.S. 9:2800.62(2) and 2800.63(B)(1))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Clarify that there is an action for damages when a person sells, administers, or furnishes consumable hemp to a person under the age of 21.