**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING POISONS, DRUGS, AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑53‑60 TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION, PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS AND SUBSTANCES TO WHICH SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS HAVE BEEN APPLIED, TO ALLOW USE FOR LABORATORY RESEARCH PURPOSES, TO DEFINE SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 53, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑53‑60. (A) For purposes of this section ‘synthetic cannabinoids’ are synthetic substances that have THC‑like pharmacological properties, including, but not limited to:

(1) 1‑pentyl‑3‑(1‑naphthoyl)indole(JWH‑018);

(2) 1‑butyl‑3‑(1‑naphthoyl)indole (JWH‑073);

(3) 1‑[2‑(4‑morpholinyl)ethyl]‑3‑(1‑naphthoyl)indole (JWH‑200);

(4) 5‑(1,1‑dimethylheptyl)‑2‑[(1*R,*3*S*)‑3‑hydroxycyclohexyl] ‑ phenol(CP‑47,497); and

(5) 5‑(1,1‑dimethyloctyl)‑2‑[(1*R,*3*S*) ‑ 3 ‑ hydroxycyclohexyl]‑ phenol(cannabicyclohexanol; CP ‑ 47,497 C8homologue).

(B) It is unlawful to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, sell or offer to sell, aid, abet, attempt, or conspire to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, sell or offer to sell, or possess with the intent to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, or sell or offer to sell synthetic cannabinoids, or any substance to which synthetic cannabinoids have been applied, in this State.

(C) This section does not apply to synthetic cannabinoids used in any laboratory, including a biological laboratory, research facility, chemical laboratory, and engineering laboratory.

(D) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not less than five years, or both.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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