

## **Amendments to Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Definition of Marijuana; HB 2540**

**HB 2540** amends the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (Act) and the definition of “marijuana” in the Act and the Kansas Criminal Code (Code). The amended definition of marijuana exempts U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved drug products containing an active ingredient derived from marijuana. The bill also makes technical changes.

The bill becomes effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

### ***Definitions***

The bill amends the definition of “marijuana” to exempt FDA-approved drug products in the Act and in the definition sections of the Code pertaining to crimes involving controlled substances. In response to this definition change, the bill removes from the Kansas Schedule IV the FDA-approved drug Epidiolex to mirror the federal de-scheduling of this drug.

### ***Uniform Controlled Substances Act***

#### ***Schedule I***

The bill adds two opiates, one opioid derivative, and one compound containing hallucinogenic substances to Schedule I. The bill also makes spelling and substance number updates, changes “ring” to “group” in certain cannabinoid classes, and adds a “syncan” class.

#### ***Schedule II***

The bill adds to Schedule II one opioid metabolite of oxymorphone and oxycodone, one intravenous opioid medication for severe acute pain, and one opioid analgesic.

#### ***Schedule IV***

The bill adds to Schedule IV one short-acting sedation medication, an insomnia medication, an antidepressant used to treat depression and postpartum depression, and a medication for treatment of sleepiness due to narcolepsy or sleep apnea.

#### ***Schedule V***

The bill adds to Schedule V a medication for treatment of adult seizures and a drug used to treat migraines without aura.