SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Etizolam, Flualprazolam, Clonazolam, Flubromazolam, and Diclazepam in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a temporary scheduling order placing etizolam, flualprazolam, clonazolam, flubromazolam, and diclazepam, including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of such isomers is possible, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective July 26, 2023. F.R. Volume 88, Number 142, pp. 48112-48118;

WHEREAS, according to its temporary scheduling order, the DEA has concluded that etizolam, flualprazolam, clonazolam, flubromazolam, and diclazepam have high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lack accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore placed these five synthetic benzodiazepine substances in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective July 26, 2023; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of the five synthetic benzodiazepines and amends Section 44-53-190 by adding and designating into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-ethyl-9- methyl-6H-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (commonly known as etizolam); 8-chloro-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-4H-benzo[f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (commonly known as clonazolam); 8-bromo-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-1- methyl-4H-benzo[f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (alternate chemical name: 8-bromo-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-1- methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine and commonly known as, flubromazolam); 7-chloro-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1- methyl-1,3-dihydro-2Hbenzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one (commonly known as diclazepam), including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible

Seema Shrivastava-Patel, Chairwoman

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