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Research Brief

TO: Senator Fred Dyson
FROM: Tim Spengler, Legislative Analyst
DATE: March 10, 2014
RE: Controlled Substances Measures in Alaska Since 1983
LRS Report 14.303

You asked for a list of measures introduced in the Alaska Legislature to amend the State's controlled substances statute, AS 11.71, from 1983 forward.

We identified 54 measures introduced in the Alaska Legislature since 1983 that amended or would have amended the State's controlled substances laws under AS 11.71.¹ Additionally, we identified six bills that would have affected AS 11.73, which pertains to imitation controlled substances, and one bill that would have added a new section, AS 11.74, regarding drug paraphernalia.

In Table 1 on the following pages, we list these measures and include the year introduced, bill number, short title, and final status. Scores of additional bills introduced during this time period *referenced* AS 11.71, but would not have altered the statute.²

¹ To identify these bills we used the Alaska Legislature's Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (BASIS). Specifically, we searched using the Statute Information Retrieval System (SIRS) for the 18th through the 28th Legislatures (1993-2014), and Infobases for the 13th through the 17th Legislatures (1983-1992). While we believe our research to be thorough, we may have missed relevant measures.

² For example, some of these measures would have affected sentencing for other crimes or eligibility for certain jobs or programs, if a person had previously been convicted of an offense "involving controlled substances under AS 11.71."

Table 1: Measures in Alaska to Amend the Controlled Substances Statute (AS 11.71), 1983 through 2014

Legislature	Bill Number	Short Title	Final Status
13th 1983-1984	No relevant measures identified		
14th 1985-1986	HB 184 ^a	Anti-Racketeering Crime Bill	(H) Judiciary
	SB 151	Controlled Substances and Forfeiture Laws	(S) Health, Education and Social Services
	SB 413 ^a	Anti-Racketeering Crime Bill	(S) Finance
15th 1987-1988	HB 240 ^a	Anti-Racketeering Crime Bill	(H) Judiciary
	SB 28 ^a	Anti-Racketeering Crime Bill	(S) Judiciary
	SB 331 ^b	Drug Paraphernalia	(S) Rules
16th 1989-1990	HB 88	Making Possession of Marijuana Illegal	(H) Judiciary
	SB 16	Conspiracy to Commit Murder	((H) Judiciary
	SB 19 ^a	Forfeiture in Alcohol or Drug Cases	(H) Judiciary
17th 1991-1992	HB 554	Criminal Law: Conspiracy, Murder, etc.	(H) Finance
	SB 192 ^a	Forfeiture in Alcohol or Drug Cases	(H) State Affairs
	SB 444	Criminal Law: Conspiracy, Murder, etc.	(S) Finance
18th 1993-1994	HB 337	Drug Free Recreation and Youth Centers	(S) Judiciary
	HB 399	Add "Cat" to Schedule IIA Drug List	(H) Health, Education and Social Services
	SB 220	Add "Cat" to Schedule IIA Drug List	Chapter 30 SLA 94
	SB 319	Drug Free Recreation and Youth Centers	Chapter 70 SLA 94
	SB 332	Possession of 25 Live Marijuana Plants	Chapter 53 SLA 94
19th 1995-1996	No relevant measures identified		
20th 1997-1998	HB 69	Rohypnol as Schedule I-A Drug	Chapter 16 SLA 97
	HB 163	Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate as a Controlled Substance	Chapter 105 SLA 97
	SB 94	Rohypnol as Schedule I-A Drug	(S) Judiciary

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Legislature	Bill Number	Short Title	Final Status
21st 1999-2000	HB 3	Drugs: Listed Chemicals/Methamphetamine	Chapter 73 SLA 00
	HB 11	Precursor Drugs	(H) Judiciary
	HB 213	Medical Use of Marijuana	(H) Finance
	HB 293	Ketamine HCL as Controlled Substance	(H) Judiciary
	HB 350	Crimes Prosecuted in other Jurisdictions	(H) Finance
	HB 397	Marijuana Law Revisions	(H) Judiciary
	SB 94	Medical Use of Marijuana	(H) Judiciary
	SB 200	Ketamine HCL as Controlled Substance	(S) Judiciary
	SB 251	Crimes Prosecuted in other Jurisdictions	(S) Judiciary
22nd 2001-2002	HB 140	Place GHB in Schedule IA	(H) Judiciary
	HB 373	Weight of Marijuana Contraband Forfeiture	(S) Judiciary
23rd 2003-2004	No relevant measures identified		
24th 2005-2006	HB 80	Controlled Substances: Anabolic Steroids	(H) Health, Education and Social Services
	HB 88	Criminal Law: Minors, Schools, Drugs, Sentences	Chapter 66 SLA 05
	HB 96	Crimes Involving Marijuana/Other Drugs	(H) Judiciary
	HB 99	Crimes Involving Controlled Substances	(H) Finance
	HB 100	State Virology Laboratory	(H) Finance
	HB 141	Sale of Methamphetamine and Precursors	(H) Judiciary
	HB 149	Controlled Substances: Meth and Marijuana	Chapter 53 SLA 06
	HB 379	Controlled Substances, Including Analogs	Chapter 19 SLA 06
	SB 49	Controlled Substances: Anabolic Steroids	(S) Health, Education and Social Services
	SB 70	Crimes Involving Controlled Substances	(S) Finance
	SB 74	Crimes Involving Marijuana/Other Drugs	(S) Finance
	SB 106	Sale of Methamphetamine and Precursors	(S) Judiciary
	SB 313	Saliva Divinorum as Controlled Substance	(S) Rules
25th 2007-2008	HB 323	Criminal Law/Procedure: Omnibus Bill	(H) Finance
	SB 38	Saliva Divinorum as Controlled Substance	(S) Finance
	SB 234	Criminal Law/Procedure: Omnibus Bill	(S) Finance
	SB 265	Omnibus Criminal Bill/PFDS	Chapter 75 SLA 08

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Legislature	Bill Number	Short Title	Final Status
26th 2009-2010	HB 327	Controlled Substances/Dextromethorphan	(H) Finance
	SB 52	Saliva Divinorum as Controlled Substance	(S) Finance
27th 2011-2012	HB 7	Synthetic Cannabinoids	Chapter 22 SLA 11
	HB 116	Correct Spelling of Lorazepam/Oxymorphone	Chapter 22 SLA 11
	HB 153	Controlled Substances	(H) Judiciary
	HB 253	Cathinone Bath Salts	(H) Finance
	SB 17	Classifying MDPV and Others as Schedule IA	(S) Judiciary
	SB 140	Cathinone Bath Salts	Chapter 57 SLA 12
28th 2013-2014	HB 178	Reclassifying Certain Drug Offenses	(H) Judiciary
	HB 319	Drug/Device Distributors: Compounded RX	(H) Health, Education and Social Services
	HB 369	Immunity for Drug Related Offense	(H) Judiciary
	SB 56	Reclassifying Certain Drug Offenses	(H) Judiciary
	SB 186	Controlled Substances Advisory Committee	(S) Judiciary

Notes: a) Bill pertains to AS 11.73--imitation controlled substances. B) Would have created a new statutory section, AS 11.74, regarding drug paraphernalia. Scores of additional measures have been introduced during this time period that reference AS 11.71. For example, some of these measures would have affected sentencing for other crimes or eligibility for certain jobs or programs, if a person had previously been convicted of an offense "involving controlled substances under AS 11.71." These bills, however, would not have directly changed the controlled substances statute.

Sources: The Alaska Legislature's Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (BASIS). Specifically we searched using the Statute Information Retrieval System (SIRS) for the 18th through the 28th Legislatures (1993-2014), and Infobases for the 13th through the 17th Legislatures (1983-1992).

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.