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An Act To Prohibit Sale or Possession of Synthetic Cannabinoids

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative GOODE of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and
Representatives: DILL of Old Town, DION of Portland, FREY of Bangor, KORNFIELD of
Bangor, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot,
LACHOWICZ of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1101, sub-§16-B** is enacted to read:

3 **16-B.** "Synthetic cannabinoid" means any chemical compound that is chemically
4 synthesized and either:

5 A. Has been demonstrated to have binding activity at one or more cannabinoid
6 receptors; or

7 B. Is a chemical analog or isomer of a compound that has been demonstrated to have
8 binding activity at one or more cannabinoid receptors.

9 For the purposes of this subsection, "chemical analog" means any chemical that is
10 substantially similar in chemical structure to another chemical compound.

11 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§4, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 428, §7 and
12 affected by §9, is amended to read:

13 F. JWH-018, JWH-073, HU-210 and HU-211 and any other synthetic cannabinoid.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill defines "synthetic cannabinoid," commonly known as "spice" or "K2," in
16 general terms and lists it as a schedule Z drug. Current law only lists specific chemical
17 compounds that are synthetic cannabinoids, so chemical compounds that are synthetic
18 cannabinoids but differ from the compounds listed in statute are not considered schedule
19 Z drugs and are legal in the State.