

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 357

May 24, 1999 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 961.14 (5) (ag) and 961.41 (3g) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 the proper chemical name of the controlled substance gamma-butyrolactone
3 (suggested as remedial legislation by the department of justice).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law places various restrictions on controlled substances (dangerous drugs). The legislature or the controlled substances board lists controlled substances by chemical name in one of five schedules based on the substance's accepted medical use and the potential for abuse of the substance. Among the controlled substances currently placed in schedule I is a depressant that is listed by the incorrect chemical name of "gamma-hydroxybutyrolactone". This bill corrects the chemical name to read "gamma-butyrolactone".

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the law revision committee of the joint legislative council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the department of justice and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

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1 **SECTION 1.** 961.14 (5) (ag) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 961.14 **(5)** (ag) Gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (commonly known as gamma
3 hydroxybutyrate or “GHB”) and ~~gamma-hydroxybutyrolactone~~
4 gamma-butyrolactone.

5 **SECTION 2.** 961.41 (3g) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 961.41 **(3g)** (f) If a person possesses or attempts to possess
7 gamma-hydroxybutyric acid, ~~gamma-hydroxybutyrolactone~~
8 gamma-butyrolactone, ketamine or flunitrazepam, the person may be fined not
9 more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than 2 years or both.

NOTE: This bill changes the drug name gamma-hydroxybutyrolactone to gamma-butyrolactone. Gamma-hydroxybutyrolactone is a chemical that is not being abused nor is it likely to be abused. Gamma-butyrolactone is a chemical that is used in the manufacture of gamma-hydroxybutyrate and gamma-hydroxybutyric acid and is also a drug in its own right. Listing gamma-butyrolactone in the statutes will enable prosecution of offenses involving this drug.

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