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Flunitrazepam has a currently accepted medical use and may be prescribed and lawfully used in Wisconsin. To the extent that flunitrazepam is being prescribed and used in this state, placing the drug into schedule I may invalidate those prescriptions and prevent prescription and use of the drug because federal law prohibits practitioners from prescribing schedule I drugs. I am not positive that this draft will invalidate the prescription and use of flunitrazepam because the drug is still listed in schedule IV under federal law.

Also, as noted in the analysis of the draft, rescheduling flunitrazepam to schedule I has the result of increasing the penalties for certain acts concerning flunitrazepam. Otherwise, the draft treats the drug as it is treated under current law.

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