

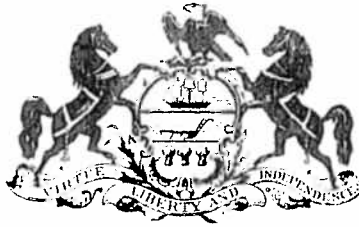
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Date: December 27, 2010

To: All House Members

From: Representative RoseMarie Swanger

Subject: Co-sponsor – Re-introduction of HB 1194
**AMEND THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC ACT OF 1972 BY ADDING
SALVIA DIVINORUM TO THE LIST OF CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES**

I plan to re-introduce HB 1194 to amend The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act of 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64) to place the drug Salvia Divinorum on Schedule I of the list of Schedules of Controlled Substances.

Salvia Divinorum is a perennial herb in the mint family native to certain areas of the Sierra Mazatec region of Oaxaca, Mexico. According to the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), due to the hallucinogenic effects of the herb, there is a substantial risk of injury or death as a result of impaired judgment due to disruptions of sensory and cognitive functions. This powerful herb has been popular at Maryland's boardwalk shops, and is considered by most scientists to be more potent than LSD.

Salvia Divinorum is not currently controlled under the federal Controlled Substances Act; however, a number of states have placed controls on Salvia Divinorum. According to the US DEA, as of November 2008, thirteen states have enacted legislation placing regulatory controls on Salvia Divinorum; Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Virginia have placed Salvia Divinorum into Schedule I of Controlled Substances in state law. California, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin enacted other forms of legislation restricting the distribution of the plant. Legislative bills proposing regulatory controls are pending in Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lily Horst, 787-2686 or via e-mail, lhurst@pahousegop.com.

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