

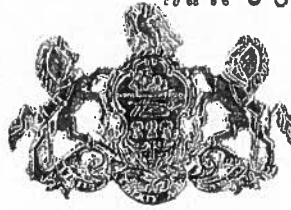
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Senate of Pennsylvania

Memorandum

TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM: SENATOR ELDER VOGEL JR. EV

DATE: APRIL 6, 2011

RE: COSPONSORSHIP

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation to amend the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act by adding to the list of controlled substances. Specifically, my legislation would add Salvia Divinorum, Salvinorin A, Divinorin A, synthetic marijuana, and synthetic cocaine/heroin, more commonly referred to as concentrated bath salts, to the the list of Schedule I controlled substances.

In recent years, law enforcement officials have seen a dramatic increase in use of these substances. The chemicals found within are very powerful and can have life threatening consequences for users and those around them. Salvia Divinorum has been shown to be a powerful hallucinogen. Bath salts and synthetic marijuana mimic the effects of powerful drugs and recent media reports and academic studies indicate a growing problem within our communities.

My legislation would treat these substances the same as other schedule I controlled substances and would carry the same penalties as other non-narcotic schedule I offenses. Schedule I controlled substances are by definition those substances that have a high potential for abuse, and currently have no accepted medical use in the United States.

Should you wish to join me in cosponsoring this legislation, please call Lindsay Raker of my office at 717-787-3076 or at lraker@pasen.gov.