

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULE TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD  
OF PHARMACY RULES  
CHAPTER 480-34, RULE 480-34-.05 SYNTHETIC CATHINONES AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Board") proposes a new Rule to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy Rules, Rule 480-34-.05 SYNTHETIC CATHINONES (hereinafter "proposed rule").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy's web page at [www.gbp.georgia.gov](http://www.gbp.georgia.gov).

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on December 11, 2013 at the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments may be received prior to December 4, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 FAX: 678-717-6694. You may email your comments to [tbattle@dch.ga.gov](mailto:tbattle@dch.ga.gov).

The proposed rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy at its conference call scheduled to begin at 3:00 PM on December 19, 2013 at the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to adopt the proposed rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-22, 16-13-25, 26-4-27 and 26-4-28.

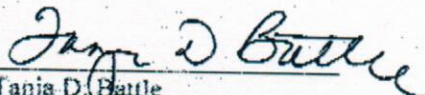
At its meeting by conference call on November 19, 2013, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22.

Also, at its meeting by conference call on November 19, 2013, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 26-4-27, 26-4-28, 16-13-22 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of pharmacy.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 19th day of November, 2013.

  
Tanja D. Battle  
Executive Director  
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: November 19th, 2013

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE OF THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULES  
CHAPTER 480-34, RULE 480-34-.05 SYNTHETIC CATHINONES**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. At its meeting on September 18, 2013, the Board adopted an emergency rule to add the drugs listed in this proposed rule amendment to the Schedule I drug list.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to identify new compounds of Synthetic Cathinones as Schedule I substances under the Georgia Controlled Substances Act and to create a new Pharmacy Board Rule add those compounds.

**PROPOSED RULE FOR THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY RULES  
RULE 480-6-.02 NONRESIDENT PHARMACY PERMIT**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

**480-34-.05 Synthetic Cathinones**

(1) This rule was adopted to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. This rule places an additional newly identified compound, including any material, compound, mixture, or preparation which contains these substances or their derivatives, salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, halogen analogues, or homologues, collectively known as a Synthetic Cathinone, under Schedule I, of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act, Code Section 16-13-25 (12) as follows:

(aa) N-acetyl-3,4-methylenedioxymethcathinone

(2) This rule is based on the following findings of the Board:

(a) that Synthetic Cathinones have an extremely high potential for abuse;

(b) that scientific evidence and scientific knowledge of the pharmacological effects of these compounds demonstrate that the public is at extreme risk if they are not regulated as controlled substances;

(c) that the pattern of abuse of these compounds and the scope and significance of that abuse support regulation;

(d) that there exists an imminent peril to the public health and welfare with regard to the abuse of these compounds;

(e) that these compounds have the same risk to the public health of citizens of the State of Georgia as other substances already contained in Schedule I under the Controlled Substances Act;

(f) that these compounds have no known precursor already scheduled under the Act; and

(g) that the DEA encourages all states to add these compounds to their respective Controlled Substances Acts while DEA follows its procedures to add such compounds to the Federal Controlled Substances Act under Schedule I.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-22, 16-13-25, 26-4-27 and 26-4-28.