



Am. H.B. 215*

127th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Criminal Justice)

Reps. Collier, Evans, Latta, Brown, Chandler, Stebelton, Combs, Setzer

BILL SUMMARY

- Includes *Salvia divinorum* and Salvinorin A as Schedule I controlled substances.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Salvia divinorum

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), *Salvia divinorum* is a perennial herb in the mint family native to certain areas of the Sierra Mazateca region of Oaxaca, Mexico. The herb can be chewed or smoked to induce illusions and hallucinations. Currently, *Salvia divinorum* is not listed in the federal Controlled Substances Act but is considered a "drug of concern" by the DEA. According to the DEA, Salvinorin A has been identified to be the active constituent of *Salvia divinorum* that is responsible for the hallucinogenic effects of the herb.¹

The bill includes *Salvia divinorum* and Salvinorin A as Schedule I controlled substances (R.C. 3719.41(C)(33) and (34)). Consequently, all of the Revised Code provisions pertaining to controlled substances (such as the drug offenses) would apply to *Salvia divinorum* and Salvinorin A.

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Criminal Justice Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ See http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugs_concern/salvia_d/salvia_d.htm.

HISTORY

ACTION

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