



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

NASCSA Resolution 2013-01
October 2013
Kansas City, Missouri

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STATES TO ADOPT LANGUAGE TO GIVE STATE CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE AUTHORITIES EMERGENCY POWER TO TEMPORARILY SCHEDULE NEW
ITERATIONS OF CATHINONES AND SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS**

WHEREAS, new designer drugs, marketed as “bath salts” or similar products have been sold as legal alternatives to certain stimulant controlled substances, primarily cathinone derivatives and substances in the phenethylamine class of compounds;

WHEREAS, certain products containing synthetic cannabinoids that mimic the primary psychoactive ingredient in marijuana are being promoted as a legal alternative to marijuana;

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in emergency room admissions and calls to poison control centers because of adverse events and deaths, associated with these products;

WHEREAS, the products are readily available at retail locations such as shops specializing in drug paraphernalia, convenience stores, gas stations, truck stops and through the Internet;

WHEREAS, new iterations of these products are continually introduced into the market in an effort to outmaneuver legislative and regulatory controls such as scheduling actions;

WHEREAS, these unregulated products have a high potential for abuse, have no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States and there is a lack of accepted safety or use of these unregulated products under medical supervision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) encourages state legislatures to regulate these products under Schedule I or appropriate schedule of their controlled substances code and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASCSA advocates that where necessary, states undertake legislative and/or regulatory remedies to grant emergency authority to temporarily schedule new iterations into Schedule I via an exempt regulatory process, with the temporary scheduling to expire if not enacted into code by the conclusion of the following legislative session.

ATTEST: _____
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rafael O.", written over a horizontal line.

Date: October 25, 2013