1	Senate Bill No. 613
2	(By Senator Barnes)
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5	Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$60A-2-208$ and $\$60A-2-212$ of the Code
11	of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to moving the
12	narcotic drug buprenorphine, sold as Suboxone or Subutex, from
13	its current Schedule V substance classification to Schedule
14	III.
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
16	That $\$60A-2-208$ and $\$60A-2-212$ of the Code of West Virginia,
17	1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:
18	ARTICLE 2. STANDARDS AND SCHEDULES.
19	§60A-2-208. Schedule III.
20	(a) Schedule III consists of the drugs and other substances,
21	by whatever official name, common or usual name, chemical name or
22	brand name designated, listed in this section.
23	(b) Stimulants Unless specifically excepted or unless

- 1 listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or
- 2 preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances
- 3 having a stimulant effect on the central nervous system including
- 4 its salts, isomers (whether optical, position or geometric), and
- 5 salts of such isomers whenever the existence of the salts, isomers
- 6 and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical
- 7 designation:
- 8 (1) Those compounds, mixtures or preparations in dosage unit
- 9 form containing any stimulant substances listed in Schedule II
- 10 which compounds, mixtures or preparations were listed on August 25,
- 11 1971, as excepted compounds under 21 C.F.R §1308.32, and any other
- 12 drug of the quantitative composition shown in that list for those
- 13 drugs or which is the same except that it contains a lesser
- 14 quantity of controlled substances;
- 15 (2) Benzphetamine;
- 16 (3) Chlorphentermine;
- 17 (4) Clortermine;
- 18 (5) Phendimetrazine;
- 19 (6) Hydrocodone.
- 20 (c) Depressants. -- Unless specifically excepted or unless
- 21 listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or
- 22 preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances
- 23 having a depressant effect on the central nervous system:
- 24 (1) Any compound, mixture or preparation containing:

- 1 (A) Amobarbital;
- 2 (B) Secobarbital;
- 3 (C) Pentobarbital; or any salt of pentobarbital and one or
- 4 more other active medicinal ingredients which are not listed in any
- 5 schedule;
- 6 (2) Any suppository dosage form containing:
- 7 (A) Amobarbital;
- 8 (B) Secobarbital;
- 9 (C) Pentobarbital; or any salt of any of these drugs and
- 10 approved by the Food and Drug Administration for marketing only as
- 11 a suppository;
- 12 (3) Any substance which contains any quantity of a derivative
- 13 of barbituric acid or any salt of barbituric acid;
- 14 (4) Chlorhexadol;
- 15 (5) Lysergic acid;
- 16 (6) Lysergic acid amide;
- 17 (7) Methyprylon;
- 18 (8) Sulfondiethylmethane;
- 19 (9) Sulfonethylmethane;
- 20 (10) Sulfonmethane;
- 21 (11) Tiletamine and zolazepam or any salt of tiletamine and
- 22 zolazepam; some trade or other names for a tiletamine-zolazepam
- 23 combination product: Telazol; some trade or other names for
- 24 tiletamine: 2-(ethylamino)-2-(2-thienyl)-cyclohexanone; some trade

- 1 or other names for zolazepam: 4-(2-flurophenyl)-6, 8-dihydro-1, 3,
- 2 8-trimethylpyrazolo-[3,4-e] [1,4]-diazepin-7(1H)-one, flupyrazapon;
- 3 (12) Human growth hormones or anabolic steroids.
- 4 Ketamine, its salts, isomers and salts of isomers including
- 5 ketamine hydrochloride.
- 6 (d) Nalorphine.
- 7 (e) Narcotic drugs. -- Unless specifically excepted or unless
- 8 listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or
- 9 preparation containing any of the following narcotic drugs, or
- 10 their salts calculated as the free anhydrous base or alkaloid, in
- 11 limited quantities as set forth below:
- 12 (1) Not more than 1.8 grams of codeine per 100 milliliters and
- 13 not more than 90 milligrams per dosage unit, with an equal or
- 14 greater quantity of an isoquinoline alkaloid of opium;
- 15 (2) Not more than 1.8 grams of codeine per 100 milliliters or
- 16 not more than 90 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more
- 17 active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts;
- 18 (3) Not more than 300 milligrams of dihydrocodeinone
- 19 (hydrocodone) per 100 milliliters or not more than 15 milligrams
- 20 per dosage unit, with a fourfold or greater quantity of an
- 21 isoquinoline alkaloid of opium;
- 22 (4) Not more than 300 milligrams of dihydrocodeinone
- 23 (hydrocodone) per 100 milliliters or not more than 15 milligrams
- 24 per dosage unit, with one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients

- 1 in recognized therapeutic amounts;
- 2 (5) Not more than 1.8 grams of dihydrocodeine per 100
- 3 milliliters and not more than 90 milligrams per dosage unit, with
- 4 one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized
- 5 therapeutic amounts;
- 6 (6) Not more than 300 milligrams of ethylmorphine per 100
- 7 milliliters or not more than 15 milligrams per dosage unit, with
- 8 one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized
- 9 therapeutic amounts;
- 10 (7) Not more than 500 milligrams of opium per 100 milliliters
- 11 or per 100 grams or not more than 25 milligrams per dosage unit,
- 12 with one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized
- 13 therapeutic amounts;
- 14 (8) Not more than 50 milligrams of morphine per 100
- 15 milliliters or per 100 grams, with one or more active, nonnarcotic
- 16 ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts; and
- 17 (9) Buprenorphine.
- 18 (f) Anabolic steroids. -- Unless specifically excepted or
- 19 unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture,
- 20 or preparation containing any quantity of anabolic steroids,
- 21 including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers whenever the
- 22 existence of the salts of isomers is possible within the specific
- 23 chemical designation.
- 24 (g) Dronabinol (synthetic) in sesame oil and encapsulated in

- 1 a soft gelatin capsule in a United States food and drug
- 2 administration approved drug product. (Some other names for
- 3 dronabinol: (6aR-trans)-6a, 7, 8, 10a- tetrahydro-6, 6, 9-
- 4 trimethyl-3-pentyl-6H-dibenzo [b,d] pyran-1- ol or (-)-delta-9-
- 5 (trans)-tetrahydrocannabinol).

6 §60A-2-212. Schedule V.

- 7 (a) Schedule V shall consist of the drugs and other
- 8 substances, by whatever official name, common or usual name,
- 9 chemical name, or brand name designated, listed in this section.
- 10 (b) Narcotic drugs. -- Unless specifically excepted or unless
- 11 listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or
- 12 preparation containing any of the following narcotic drugs and
- 13 their salts, as set forth below:
- 14 (1) Buprenorphine.
- 15 (c) (b) Narcotic drugs containing nonnarcotic active medicinal
- 16 ingredients. Any compound, mixture or preparation containing any
- 17 of the following narcotic drugs or their salts calculated as the
- 18 free anhydrous base or alkaloid in limited quantities as set forth
- 19 below, which shall include one or more nonnarcotic active medicinal
- 20 ingredients in sufficient proportion to confer upon the compound,
- 21 mixture or preparation valuable medicinal qualities other than
- 22 those possessed by the narcotic drug alone:
- 23 (1) Not more than 200 milligrams of codeine per 100
- 24 milliliters or per 100 grams;

- 1 (2) Not more than 100 milligrams of dihydrocodeine per 100 2 milliliters or per 100 grams;
- 3 (3) Not more than 100 milligrams of ethylmorphine per 100 4 milliliters or per 100 grams;
- 5 (4) Not more than 2.5 milligrams of diphenoxylate and not less 6 than 25 micrograms of atropine sulfate per dosage unit;
- 7 (5) Not more than 100 milligrams of opium per 100 milliliters 8 or per 100 grams;
- 9 (6) Not more than 0.5 milligrams of difenoxin and not less 10 than 25 micrograms of atropine sulfate per dosage unit.
- (d) (c) Stimulants. -- Unless specifically exempted or excluded or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a stimulant effect on the central nervous system, including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers:
- 16 (1) Pyrovalerone.
- (e) (d) Any compound, mixture or preparation containing as its single active ingredient ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine, their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers except products which are for pediatric use primarily intended for administration to children under the age of twelve: *Provided*, That neither the offenses set forth in section four hundred one, article four of this chapter, nor the penalties therein, shall be applicable to ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or

- 1 phenylpropanolamine which shall be subject to the provisions of
- 2 article ten of this chapter.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove the drug buprenorphine, sold as Suboxone or Subutex, from its current Schedule V substance classification and move to Schedule III. This move, in effect, would cause those convicted of a crime in regards to its use, manufacture or possession, to suffer a felony instead of the misdemeanor under its current Schedule V classification.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.