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Drug Control Unit

Notice of Conferences for Solicitation of Informal Public Input Regarding Classification of Marijuana Under State Law

Take notice that the Division of Consumer Affairs (Division) will hold four informal conferences for the purpose of permitting interested persons to present their views regarding how marijuana is classified under State law.

Controlled dangerous substances are scheduled on a scale from I to V, and how a drug is scheduled determines how strictly it is regulated. Marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule I drug, alongside heroin and LSD. Schedule I--the most strictly regulated category--is reserved for substances that have a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use for treatment in the United States (or without accepted safety for treatment under medical supervision).

As part of its review of marijuana's continued classification as a Schedule I substance in New Jersey, the Division intends to consider evidence of marijuana's potential for abuse and accepted medical uses as set forth in the Controlled Dangerous Substances Act (N.J.S.A. 24:21-3).

Conference participants are requested to offer their views on the following:

1. Marijuana's actual or relative potential for abuse;

2. Scientific evidence of marijuana's pharmacological effect, if known;
3. State of current scientific knowledge regarding marijuana;
4. Marijuana's history and current pattern of abuse;
5. The scope, duration, and significance of abuse;
6. What, if any, risk there is to the public health;
7. Marijuana's psychic or physiological dependence liability; and
8. Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a substance already controlled under N.J.S.A. 24:21-1 et seq.

The conferences will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, and Monday, April 24, 2018. The conferences will be held each day from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. A court reporter will be present to record the proceedings. Requests to speak, indicating which conference the individual wishes to attend, should be submitted in writing to Maryann Sheehan, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Consumer Affairs, PO Box 45027, Newark, NJ 07101 or www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/default.aspx electronically at: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/default.aspx no later than April 12, 2018. Individual speakers are requested to provide a copy of their prepared remarks to the Division at the time of registration and on the day of the conference. Individuals will not be permitted to pre-register for, or speak at, more than one conference. Specific presentation times will be assigned. Individual presentations will be limited to 10 minutes. Based upon the number of individuals who request to speak, the Division reserves the right to reduce the allotted time to speak and/or to schedule additional conferences on future dates. Those who do not pre-register to speak will be given an opportunity to do so only as time permits. For those who prefer to submit only written comments, they may be forwarded to Maryann Sheehan, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, PO Box 45027, 124 Halsey Street, 7th floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, or www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/default.aspx electronically at: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Proposals/Pages/default.aspx no later than April 12, 2018.

Conference dates and locations are as follows:

Thursday, April 19, 2018
124 Halsey Street
Sixth Floor
Morris Room

Newark, NJ 07101

and

Monday, April 24, 2018

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

25 Market Street

Attorney General's Library-6th Floor

Trenton, NJ 08611

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