



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 412

HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

By Representatives Powers, Lamberth, Carringer, Howell, Doggett, Sparks, Russell, Sherrell, McCalmon, Littleton, Davis, Whitson, Wright, Haston, Powell, Clemmons, Hemmer

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1398

By Senators Reeves, Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to drug offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, is amended by adding the following new section:

39-17-456.

- (a) It is an offense to knowingly possess xylazine.
- (b) It is an offense to knowingly manufacture, deliver, or sell xylazine.
- (c) It is an offense to knowingly possess xylazine with intent to manufacture, deliver, or sell xylazine.
- (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) - (c):
 - (1) It is not an offense to possess, manufacture, deliver, or sell xylazine in the course of legitimate veterinary practice; and
 - (2) It is not an offense to possess xylazine pursuant to a valid prescription from a licensed veterinarian;
- (e) As used in this section, "xylazine" means xylazine and any salt, sulfate, isomer, homologue, analog, or other preparation of xylazine, and any salt, sulfate, isomer, compound, derivative, precursor, homologue, analog, or other preparation thereof that is substantially chemically equivalent or identical to xylazine.
- (f) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor; and
- (g) A violation of subsection (b) or (c) is a Class C felony.

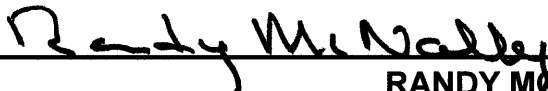
SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR