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Iowa Senate Passes Bill to Address Sale of Synthetic Drugs, Reclassify Marijuana as Schedule II

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The Iowa Senate has approved a bill that ensures penalties for selling synthetic drugs are in line with penalties for selling other controlled substances (CS), and an amendment to the bill has now tied it to the state's medical marijuana policy. If approved, [House File 567](#) would allow the Iowa Board of Pharmacy to list substances, such as new formulations of synthetic drugs, as CS for up to two years and allow the state legislature more time to make such a designation permanent. As passed by the Iowa House of Representatives, the law is aimed at protecting consumers from potentially dangerous synthetic drugs. The senate's version of the bill would also reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II drug in Iowa, and reduce the penalty for possession of 5 grams or less of the drug to a misdemeanor, according to [The Gazette](#). The amended bill will now return to the Iowa House of Representatives for reconsideration.

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