

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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PETITION FOR RECOMMENDATION )  
TO REMOVE MARIJUANA FROM )  
SCHEDULE I OF THE IOWA UNIFORM )  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT )

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**RULING ON PETITION  
FOR AGENCY ACTION**


On August 3, 2012, Cal Olsen filed a Petition for Agency Action with the Iowa Board of Pharmacy. The Petition requested that the Board recommend to the Iowa General Assembly that marijuana be reclassified. The Petition included supporting documentation.

The Board considered the Petition and supporting documentation at its bimonthly meeting on November 8 and 9, 2012. The Board voted to deny the Petition. Iowa law provides:

Annually, within thirty days after the convening of each regular session of the general assembly, the Board shall recommend to the general assembly any deletions from, or revisions in the schedules of substances, enumerated in sections 124.204, 124.206, 124.208, 124.210, or 124.212, *which it deems necessary or advisable.*

Iowa Code § 124.201(1) (2011) (emphasis added).

The Board recommended the reclassification of marijuana in 2010. The General Assembly took no action on the Board's recommendation at that time. On January 16, 2013, the Board concluded that the supporting documentation did not contain sufficient, new scientific information to warrant recommending the reclassification of marijuana this year.



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