

SENATE BILL 192

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to controlled
substances.

WHEREAS, A new synthetic opioid by the name of U-47700 has resulted in the overdose death of at least eighty people across the country in the last nine months; and

WHEREAS, sometimes called "Pink" or "U4" it is seven times stronger than Morphine and is often mixed with Fentanyl, making it more deadly; and

WHEREAS, a designer drug, U-47700 is popular because most of the component drugs are legal; and

WHEREAS, using the authority of the administrator of the drug enforcement administration to temporarily schedule drugs based upon a determination that it is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety, U-47700 became designated as a Schedule I controlled substance on the federal government's schedule on November 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding § 39-17-403, because of the dangers this drug represents to the citizens of this state, and the time necessary for the rule-making process to complete, it is important that the general assembly follow the lead of the drug enforcement administration and statutorily prohibit this harmful drug in Tennessee by making it a Schedule I controlled substance; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-406, is amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (c):

() 3,4-dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide (also known as U-47700);

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.