

permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to, or administer a controlled dangerous substance in the course of professional practice or research in this State, or any medical officer of any vessel or the master of any vessel whenever any such medical officer or another physician is unavailable].

278.

(a) The Department shall ~~control~~ *administer the provisions of this subheading and may add substances to or delete or reschedule* all substances enumerated in Section 279 of this subheading ~~and may, by motion or on the petition of any interested party~~ pursuant to the ~~procedures~~ *provisions* of the Administrative Procedure Act ~~, and after notice and hearing, add a substance as a controlled dangerous substance~~. *The Department shall not have authority to delete or reschedule the following substances: heroin, lysergic acid diethylamide, marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinols, peyote and mescaline.* In making ~~such~~ a determination *regarding a substance*, the Department shall consider the following:

- (1) Its actual or relative potential for abuse;
- (2) Scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect, if known;
- (3) State of current scientific knowledge regarding the substance;
- (4) Its 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) Its psychic or physiological dependence liability; and
- (8) Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a substance already controlled under this subheading.

After considering the above factors, the Department shall make findings with respect thereto and shall issue an order controlling the substance if it finds that the substance has a potential for abuse.

279.

The following schedules include the controlled dangerous substances listed or to be listed by whatever official name, common or usual name, chemical name, or trade name designated.

(a) Schedule I.—In determining that a substance comes within this schedule, the Department shall find:

- (1) A high potential for abuse, and
 - (2) No accepted medical use in the United States, and
 - (3) A lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision.
- The following are controlled dangerous substances and are included in this schedule:

a. Any of the following substances, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation: