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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 38

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Bill Version: SB 38

Sponsor: Senator Gene Therriault

Short Title: SALVIA DIVINORUM AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Summary:

- Classifies Salvia divinorum as a Schedule IIA controlled substance.
- Outlines the following degrees of misconduct involving a controlled substance for salvia divinorum:
 - class B felony for manufacturing, delivering or possessing on school grounds or similar areas;
 - class C felony for possessing;
 - unclassified felony for selling to a person under the age of 19 under certain circumstances.

Benefits:

- Illegalizes a dangerous substance that can cause unpredictable physiological and psychological effects in the user.

Background:

- Known as "Sally D" on the street, Salvia Divinorum is part of the Lamiaceae family of plants. It is grown primarily in Mexico and can be shipped or sold over the counter to anyone 18 years or older. The plant leaves can be ingested or inhaled, and can cause unpredictable physiological and psychological effects and erratic behavior in the user. It has been banned in at least ten countries and four other states, including Delaware, where it is being called Brett's Law after a promising young man who used the drug and committed suicide.