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Reps. Collier, Evans, Latta, Brown, Chandler, Stebelton, Combs, Setzer

BILL SUMMARY

• Includes *Salvia divinorum* as a Schedule I controlled substance.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

<u>Salvia divinorum</u>

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, *Salvia divinorum* is a perennial herb in the mint family native to certain areas of the Sierra Mazateca region of Oaxaca, Mexico. The herb can be chewed or smoked to induce illusions and hallucinations. Currently, *Salvia divinorum* is not listed in the federal Controlled Substances Act but is considered a "drug of concern" by the DEA.¹

The bill includes *Salvia divinorum* as a Schedule I controlled substance (R.C. 3719.41(C)(33)). Consequently, all of the Revised Code provisions pertaining to controlled substances (such as the drug offenses) would apply to *Salvia divinorum*.

HISTORY

ACTION

DATE

Introduced

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¹ See http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugs_concern/salvia_d/salvia_d.htm.