

**STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-7-2, Controlled Substances List, Appendix

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the current Controlled Substances List

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the current Controlled Substances List by rescheduling seven substances to a higher schedule due to the potential for abuse as recommended by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. The seven substances are:

- 1) Reschedule Alprazolam from Schedule IV to Schedule II;
- 2) Reschedule all benzodiazepines from Schedule IV to Schedule III, excluding Alprazolam, which the Board recommends be rescheduled as a Schedule II controlled substance as indicated in Item 1;
- 3) Reschedule Pregabalin from Schedule V to Schedule IV; and
- 4) Reschedule Zolpidem from Schedule IV to Schedule III.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held on December 13, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Alabama Department of Public Health, RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street, Suite 1540, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENTS AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Written or oral comments will be received until the close of the record at 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2017. All comments and requests for copies of the proposed rule should be addressed to the contact person listed below.

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