DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health Office of Public Health

Added Controlled Dangerous Substances

(LAC 46:LIII.2704)

The Department of Health, Office of Public Health (LDH/OPH), pursuant to the rulemaking authority granted to the Secretary of LDH by R.S. 40:962(C) and (H), hereby adopts the following Emergency Rule for the protection of public health. This rule is being promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*). and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of a final Rule, whichever occurs first.

Based on the criteria, factors, and guidance set forth in R.S. 40:962(C) and 40:963, the Secretary, under this rulemaking, has determined that the below listed substances have a high potential for abuse and should be scheduled as controlled dangerous substances to avoid an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare. In reaching the decision to designate the below listed substances as controlled dangerous substances under Schedule I, the Secretary has considered the criteria provided under R.S. 40:963 and the specific factors listed under R.S. 40:962(C). The Secretary has determined that Schedule I is the most appropriate due to her findings that the substances added herein have a high potential for abuse, the substances have no currently accepted medical use for treatment in the United States, and there is a lack of accepted safety for use of the substances under medical supervision.

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS Part LIII. Pharmacists

Chapter 27. Controlled Dangerous Substances Subchapter A. General Provisions §2704. Added Controlled Dangerous Substances

- A. The following drugs or substances are added to Schedule I of the Louisiana Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, R.S. 40:961 *et seq*.:
 - 1. 1-(1-(1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)- 1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:962, R.S. 40:963, and R.S. 49:953(B). HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 46:_____

Effective on the <u>23rd</u> day of November, 2020 by:

Dr. Courtney N. Phillips Secretary, Department of Health