
Presentation to the Virginia State Crime Commission

Synthetic Cannabinoids and Bath Salts



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Legislative



- Virginia Code §18.2-248.1:1
 - Effective March 23, 2011
 - 10 Synthetic Cannabinoid Compounds Prohibited

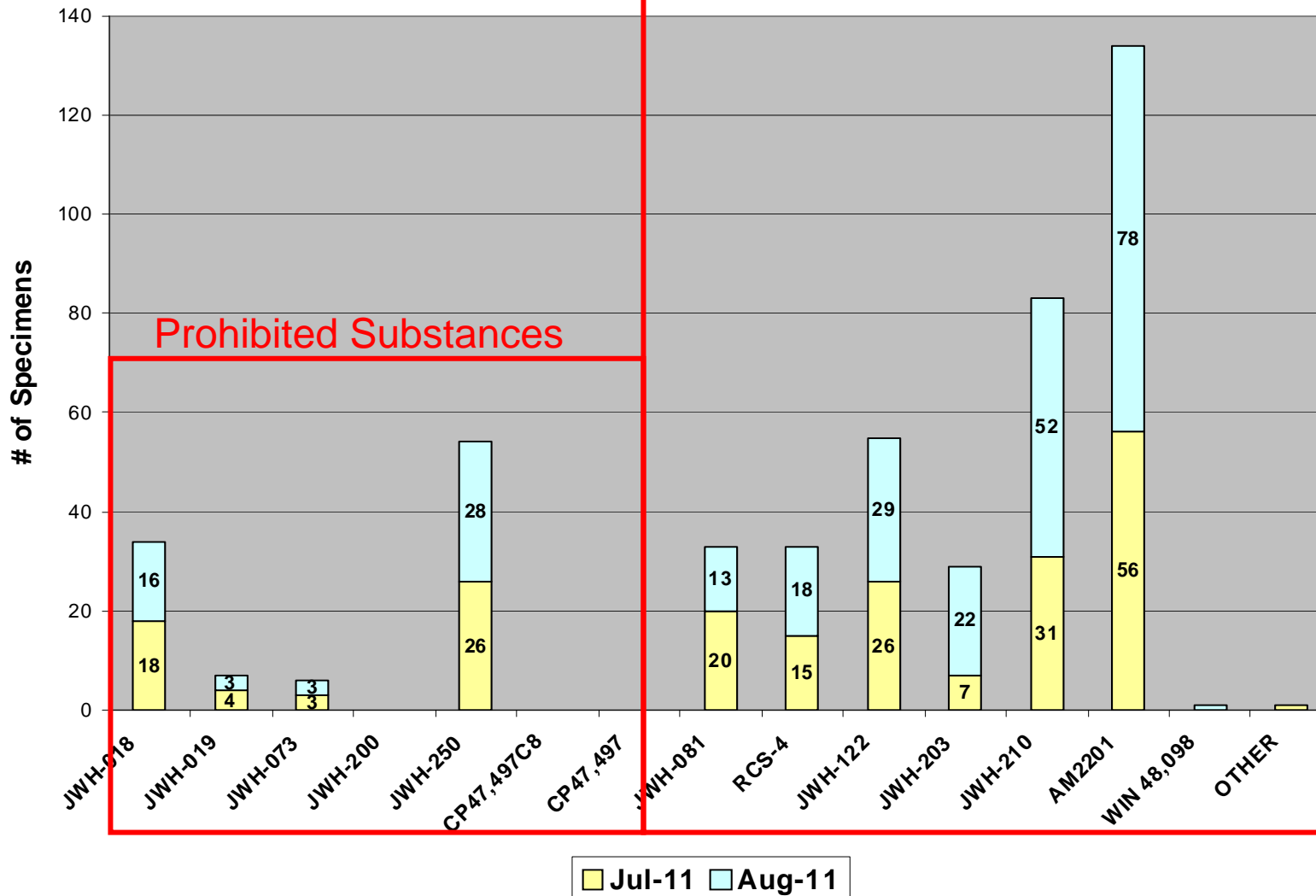
- DEA Emergency Scheduling Action
 - Effective March 1, 2011
 - 5 Synthetic Cannabinoid Compounds
 - Schedule I

Summary of Prohibited Substances

Common Name	Chemical Name	Control Status Virginia	Control Status Federal
JWH-018	1-Pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole	YES	YES
JWH-073	1-Butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole	YES	YES
CP 47,497	5-(1,1-Dimethylheptyl)-2-[3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol	YES	YES
CP 47,497 C6 homolog	5-(1,1-Dimethylhexyl)-2-[3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol	YES	NO
CP 47,497 C8 homolog	5-(1,1-Dimethyloctyl)-2-[3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol	YES	YES
CP 47,497 C9 homolog	5-(1,1-Dimethylnonyl)-2-[3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol	YES	NO
JWH-200	1-[2-(4-Morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole	YES	YES
HU-210	(6aR,10aR)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6,6-dimethyl-3-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)-6a,7,10,10a-tetrahydrobenzo[c]chromen-1-ol	YES	YES (As an isomer of Δ 9-THC)
JWH-019	1-Hexyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole	YES	NO
JWH-250	1-Pentyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole	YES	NO

Synthetic Cannabinoids

Non-Prohibited Substances



Designer Drug Parallel

- Virginia Code § 18.2-248.1:1(F)
- Three elements:
 - Specific intent to circumvent the criminal penalties for synthetic cannabinoids
 - Compound emulates or simulates the effects of prohibited synthetic cannabinoids
 - Compound is related to a prohibited compound by chemical changes such as the addition, subtraction or rearranging of a radical or substituent

Example Evidence



Specific intent to
circumvent the
criminal penalties



Limitations to DFS Scope of Service

- Limited availability of reference materials
- Limited research regarding effects of unlisted compounds on the human body

Reporting

When a Non-Listed Synthetic Cannabinoid may be present, but cannot be identified:

Item 1 No controlled substances or synthetic cannabinoids listed in § 18.2-248.1:1 were identified. An unlisted synthetic cannabinoid was indicated but not identified.

This option will be utilized when suitable reference materials or methodologies necessary to conclusively identify the unlisted synthetic cannabinoid are not available in the laboratory.

Currently Identified Legislative Options

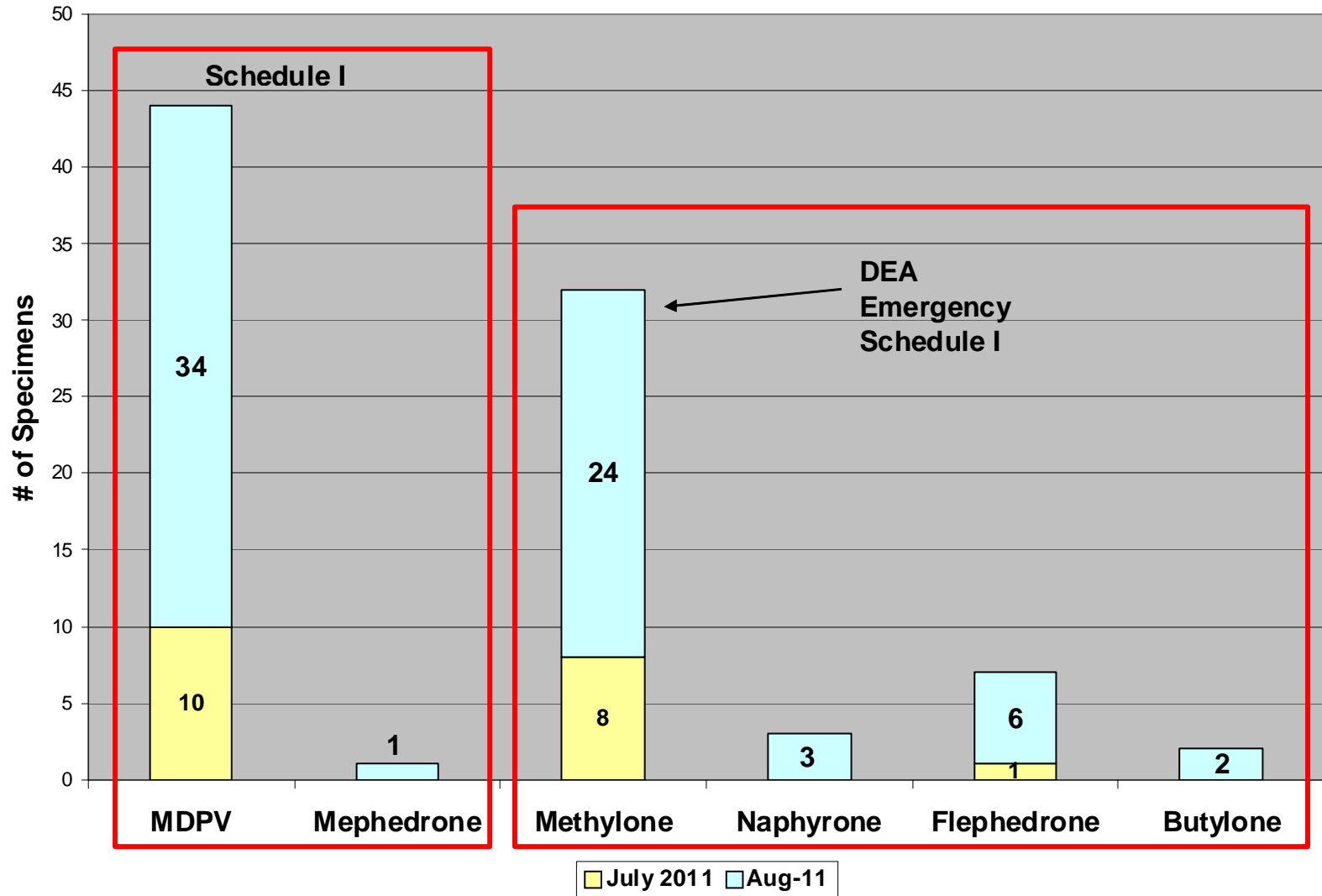
1. Leave the Virginia statute unchanged
2. Add additional compounds to the list of prohibited synthetic cannabinoids
3. Prohibit classes of compounds
 - ❑ Examples: Illinois and Texas

“Bath Salts”

- Virginia Code § 54.1-3446
 - Effective March 23, 2011
 - 2 “Bath Salt” compounds listed in Schedule I
 - 3,4-methylenedioxypropylone (other name: **MDPV**);
 - 4-methylmethcathinone (other names: **mephedrone**, 4-MMC).

- DEA Emergency Scheduling Announcement
 - September 7, 2011
 - 3 “Bath Salt” compounds to be listed in Schedule I
 - 3,4-methylenedioxypropylone (**MDPV**);
 - 4-methylmethcathinone (**mephedrone**)
 - 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-methylcathinone (methylone).

Bath Salts



Questions?