



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1169

Introduced by: **Representative Garcia**

1 **An Act to classify medetomidine as a Schedule III controlled substance and**
 2 **establish permissible uses.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-20B:**

5 Any material, compound, mixture, or preparation that contains medetomidine is a
 6 Schedule III controlled drug or substance, except in the following cases:

7 (1) Dispensing, prescribing, or administering, to an animal, a drug that contains
 8 medetomidine and has been approved by the United States secretary of health and
 9 human services under 21 U.S.C. § 360b (January 1, 2026);

10 (2) Dispensing, prescribing, or administering medetomidine to an animal, as
 11 permissible under 21 U.S.C. § 360b(a)(4) (January 1, 2026);

12 (3) Manufacturing, distributing, or using medetomidine as an active pharmaceutical
 13 ingredient for manufacturing an animal drug:

14 (a) Approved under 21 U.S.C. § 360b (January 1, 2026); or

15 (b) Issued an investigational use exemption under 21 U.S.C. § 360b(j)
 16 (January 1, 2026);

17 (4) Manufacturing, distributing, or using a medetomidine bulk chemical for
 18 pharmaceutical compounding by a licensed pharmacist or veterinarian; or

19 (5) Any other use approved or permissible under 21 U.S.C. §§ 301 to 399i, inclusive
 20 (January 1, 2026).