



2026 South Dakota Legislature
House Bill 1169
ENROLLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

- (1) Dispensing, prescribing, or administering, to an animal, a drug that contains medetomidine and has been approved by the United States secretary of health and human services under 21 U.S.C. § 360b (January 1, 2026);
- (2) Dispensing, prescribing, or administering medetomidine to an animal, as permissible under 21 U.S.C. § 360b(a)(4) (January 1, 2026);
- (3) Manufacturing, distributing, or using medetomidine as an active pharmaceutical ingredient for manufacturing an animal drug:
 - (a) Approved under 21 U.S.C. § 360b (January 1, 2026); or
 - (b) Issued an investigational use exemption under 21 U.S.C. § 360b(j) (January 1, 2026);
- (4) Manufacturing, distributing, or using a medetomidine bulk chemical for pharmaceutical compounding by a licensed pharmacist or veterinarian; or
- (5) Any other use approved or permissible under 21 U.S.C. §§ 301 to 399i, inclusive (January 1, 2026).

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:
House as Bill No. 1169

Received at this Executive Office this ____ day of _____, 2026 at _____ M.

Chief Clerk of the House

By _____ for the Governor

Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2026

Attest:

Chief Clerk of the House

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Office of the Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed _____, 2026 at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of State

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By _____
Asst. Secretary of State