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Re: Controlled Substances (cb)

NRS defines cb as among other things as "...or other substance which is listed in schedule I, II, III, IV, or V for control by the state board of pharmacy pursuant to NRS 453.146.

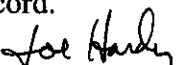
It has been the history of medicine to find new and more sophisticated chemicals that can be put to therapeutic use. These same medicines at times have been found to have addictive or noxious properties that have lent themselves to abuse potential.

Inasmuch as a chemical must be added to the "controlled" list by law or some form of regulation, we may find ourselves behind the forward thinking drug culture in their quest for a "better" drug. I submit that it behooves us to be generous in our inclusion of potential chemicals not yet on the radar of impairment induction or "mind altering".

I therefore would keep the statute consistent in its definition throughout by using the phrase "drug that interferes with the safe and efficient performance" rather than "other drug". Likewise, I would keep the phrase in statute so as to require the same standard to be applied in the hiring process as it is in the employment continuation requirements.

I would also note that the chemical that has created more death, disease, and sorrow than any of those on the list of controlled substances is ethanol (alcohol). We certainly need to be able to avoid the ramifications of its devastating consequences on jobs and families.

For the record.


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