

Controlled Substance Act *(excerpted, emphasis added)*

Title 21 United States Code (USC) Controlled Substances Act

Section 801. Congressional Findings and Declarations: Controlled Substances

The Congress makes the following findings and declarations:

(1) Many of the drugs included within this subchapter have a useful and legitimate medical purpose and are necessary to maintain the health and general welfare of the American people. The illegal importation, manufacture, distribution, and possession and improper use of controlled substances have a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the American people.

Short Title of 1988 Amendment.

Pub.L. 100-690, Title VI, Section 6001, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4312, [enacting sections 844a]

Part B -- Authority to Control; Standards and Schedules

Section 811. Authority and Criteria for Classification of Substances

(a) Rules and regulations of Attorney General; hearing

The Attorney General shall apply the provisions of this subchapter to the controlled substances listed in the schedules established by section 812 of this title and to any other drug or other substance added to such schedules under this subchapter. Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, the Attorney General may by rule--.....(2) remove any drug or other substance from the schedules if he finds that the drug or other substance does not meet the requirements for inclusion in any schedule.

Section 844. Penalty for Simple Possession

(a) Unlawful acts; penalties

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess a controlled substance **unless such substance was obtained directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order**, from a practitioner, while acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this subchapter or subchapter II of this chapter...

Title 21 - Food and Drugs *(excerpted, emphasis added)*

Chapter 13 - Drug Abuse Prevention and Control

SUBCHAPTER I - CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

Part D - Offenses and Penalties, Sec. 844. Penalties for simple possession, (a) Unlawful acts; penalties:

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