

Sponsor Statement for HB 140

Place GHB in Schedule IA

“An Act relating to gamma-Hydroxybutyrate.”

[House Bill 140](#) was drafted to increase the penalties for the use of the commonly known date rape drug “GHB” or Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate. This bill elevates it from Schedule IVA to Schedule IA in AS 11.71, which would also increase the penalties for possession.

Hospitals and schools statewide have seen an upsurge in the use and misuse of GHB also known as the “date rape drug”.

GHB is overwhelmingly used to incapacitate a person during a sexually violent encounter with little recollection of the event. GHB does have one legitimate medical use for the treatment of narcolepsy.