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## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS LANSING

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October 18, 2023

Honorable Rich Brown Clerk of the House Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

Clerk@house.mi.gov

Re: Notice of Changes in Scheduling of Controlled Substances

Dear Clerk Brown:

On February 16, 2023, the Board of Pharmacy voted to promulgate a rule to make the following changes in the scheduling of controlled substances:

- Gabapentin will be removed from Schedule 5 and descheduled.
- Pentazocine will be rescheduled from a Schedule 5 drug to a Schedule 4 drug.

MCL 333.7231 of the Public Health Code requires the board to provide you with a notice of any change in scheduling or rescheduling of a controlled substance. The board expects that the attached rules will be submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) in the coming weeks for the final stage of promulgation. The rules must remain with JCAR for 15 joint session days.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Shaltry, JD, Departmental Specialist with the Boards and Committees Section of the Bureau of Professional Licensing, at either (517) 241-3085 or <a href="mailto:shaltryj1@michigan.gov">shaltryj1@michigan.gov</a>.

Grace Sesi, PharmD, Chairperson Michigan Board of Pharmacy

cc: Board of Pharmacy members

Attachment