

New State and City Law Amendments:

Sale of Synthetic Marijuana Illegal as of December 24th, 2011 in City

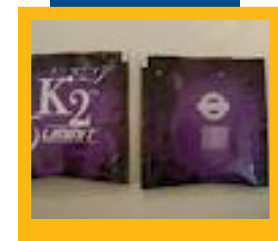
As of **December 24th, 2011**, it will be illegal to stock, sell, and distribute synthetic marijuana in the City of Chicago. In the rest of Illinois, it will be made illegal to stock, sell, and distribute synthetic marijuana as of **January 1st, 2012**. Synthetic marijuana (synthetic cannabis) is a psychoactive herbal and chemical product which mimics the effects of cannabis when consumed.

Popular brand names are **K2 and Spice**, both which have become popular trademarks used to refer to any synthetic cannabis product. It is also marketed as “herbal incense.” Products may contain chemicals JWH-018, JWH-073, Peyote, Salvia Divinorum. A listing of the specific chemical designations to be prohibited under the new State amendment can be found in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, accessible here:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=096-1285>.

You may read the City of Chicago’s ordinance amendment here: <http://www.chicityclerk.com/headlines/2011/nov/O2011-9400.pdf>.

Fines specific to the City ordinance will range from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 for each offense, each day of the violation. Violation may also result in license suspension or revocation.



Images of typical packages of synthetic marijuana products.