



Talking Points – HB1080, “Mississippi Urine Trouble Act”

1. The Synthetic Human Urine Problem

With the rise of illicit drug use, a booming business is on the rise: the sale of synthetic human urine (SHU). In many states across the country, including Mississippi, a yellow liquid is being marketed as a means of faking a drug test. This synthetic, yellow liquid, is creatively packaged and marketed by companies nationwide and can be purchased in many truck stops, tobacco shops, vape shops, and on-line retail outlets.

It looks and smells like the real thing, even containing the same chemical components as human urine. It is available in small bottles for about \$30 on average, and even comes with instructions for maintaining proper temperature so as to be convincing when used. Some products are available at a higher price that feature a cleverly-designed delivery system that fits under a person’s clothes, allowing them to squeeze a sleeve in order to deliver the artificial urine without detection.

2. A Challenge For the Drug-Free Workplace

The availability of synthetic human urine is creating a challenge for employers struggling to maintain a drug-free workplace. Use of this product is on the rise, and Mississippi’s drug free workforce is being compromised. This presents an unsafe environment for everyone in our state. For example, drug-impaired commercial drivers are currently purchasing SHU at truck stops and using it to fake drug tests – posing a hazard for other drivers on the road. Factory workers are also using SHU and continuing to use illegal drugs on the workplace, endangering themselves and others around them. The list goes on and on.

3. States Are Wising Up

Because of the rise in use of synthetic human urine, many states are beginning to take action. The list of states who have outlawed the sale and use of SHU includes Indiana, New Hampshire, Arkansas, Illinois, Maryland, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. Even Colorado, famous for its legal marijuana, is currently considering a bill to outlaw SHU.

4. Making It Illegal in Mississippi

This bill aims to stop the manufacture, sale, and possession of synthetic human urine or urine additives to defeat a drug or alcohol screening test. It specifically addresses all issues involved with this problem, including a description of all aspects of this industry, a complete list of banned ingredients, and provisions for a misdemeanor penalty, including a fine of \$1000, up to six months imprisonment, or both.