



**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF REGULATION

TO AMEND REGULATION NUMBER 153 OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE DECLARATORY ORDER NUMBER 32 OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH WHICH RECLASSIFIES MARIHUANA FROM CATEGORY I TO CATEGORY II FOR MEDICINAL USE

By virtue of the powers and authority conferred by Law No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, and Law No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, the Secretary of Health proposes to amend Regulation Number 153 for the Control of Manufacture or Production, Distribution, Dispensation and Disposition of Controlled Substances (#8598-State) of the Secretary of Health by incorporating the Declaratory Order No. 32 of the Secretary of Health. The Declaratory Order that shall form part to the referred regulation, was approved pursuant to Law Number 4 of June 23, 1971, as amended, known as the Puerto Rico Controlled Substances Law, Article 201 (a), (b), (c) and (g) and reclassifies marijuana as well as any material, compound, mixture or preparation containing any amount of its salts, isomers and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers and salts of isomers is possible, from Classification I to Classification II for medicinal use. With the exception of cannabidiol(CBD) and cannabinal(CBN), mature stems and roots of the marihuana plant.


The general public is invited to submit comments during thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, to the following address:

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Any person interested in submitting comments in person and / or request a copy of the amendment proposed, should contact the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Health, located in Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, in the Medical Center in Río Piedras, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Comments can also be sent to the following email address: mayramaldonado2@salud.pr.gov. The amendment will be available on the website of the Department of Health: <http://www.salud.gov.pr>.

A public hearing will be held on August 27 and 28th of 2015, at 9:00am, at the Guillermo Arbona Conference Room at the Department of Health, Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, at the Medical Center in Río Piedras, Puerto Rico.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this July 17, 2015.


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SECRETARY OF HEALTH