

Dextromethorphan (DXM) – Highlights of State Statutes

The following statutes are related to state regulation of Dextromethorphan (DXM), an over-the-counter (OTC) cough suppressant commonly found in cold medications and known to be prone to abuse in high doses.

Statutes

720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 570/218 (West 2009) - Dextromethorphan

- Prohibits the possession of drug products containing dextromethorphan and classifies possession as a Class 4 felony.
- Classifies the sale, delivery, distribution, or possession with intent to sell, deliver, or distribute a drug product containing dextromethorphan as a Class 2 felony.

R.I. GEN. LAWS § 21-28.7-1 (2009)

- Prohibits persons from possessing one gram or more of pure dextromethorphan.
- Medical facilities, medical practitioners, pharmacists or licensed pharmacies are exempted from the prohibition.
- Violations carry a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the first offense, and two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the second and subsequent offenses.