

Anabolic Steroids illegal

The issue of Barry Bonds and other professional athletes' possible involvement with steroids now raises questions on high school athletes trying steroids. The New Jersey Commissioner of Health promulgated rules and regulations which classify anabolic steroids as Schedule III controlled dangerous substances. The problem of the unlawful use of anabolic steroids by school-age children is a particularly serious one, and that this problem is not limited to student athletes, but also involves students who use these especially dangerous substances with the intent to enhance their physical appearance. These substances often have profound, long-term adverse side effects, and that their unlawful use by children cannot be tolerated.

“Controlled Dangerous Substance” shall mean a drug, substance or immediate precursor as defined at N.J.S.A. 2C:35-2, and shall include controlled substance analogs. Pursuant to regulations adopted by the Department of Health, the term includes anabolic steroids, and shall also be deemed to include "Jimson" weed (stramonium preparation; N.J.S.A. 2A:170-77.8) and gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), Rohypnol (“roofies”), and flunitrazepam. (See N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5.2 and 5.3.)

The website www.njlaws.com contains articles on penalties for possession of illegal drugs or being under the influence. The Editor of the website is Kenneth Vercammen, who is the past president of the Municipal Prosecutors Association.

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