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This bill updates Schedule I of the controlled substance schedules listed in chapter 152. Minnesota law requires the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy to recommend to the legislature updates to the statutory controlled substance schedules so that the statutory schedules match the schedules maintained by the board. The bill adds nine synthetic drugs to Schedule I. These drugs include cannabinoids, stimulants, hallucinogens, psychedelics, and opioids. The Board of Pharmacy has concluded that each of the drugs can be abused, are potentially addictive, and have no approved medical uses, which are the criteria for placing a drug on Schedule I. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and local law enforcement agencies have notified the Board of Pharmacy that these drugs have been confiscated in Minnesota.

This bill modifies state law so that drug scheduling changes made by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are automatically adopted in Minnesota and remain aligned with the federal schedules until the Board of Pharmacy or legislature schedules the affected drugs differently.