As xylazine surges, some lawmakers want jail time for dealers and people who use the drug

Virginia — have already added xylazine to their lists of controlled substances.
Wisconsin — are considering bills. Other states — Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia — have already added xylazine to their lists of controlled substances.

Several states — including Indiana, New York, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin — are considering legislation.

Legislators in a handful of states are taking action to address the rise in the use of xylazine, a powerful sedative intended for use on animals. Xylazine, or “tranq,” a cheap animal sedative not intended for human consumption, is rising in popularity for its high potency.

Hernández or “tranq,” a cheap animal sedative not intended for human consumption, is rising in popularity for its high potency. The drug, which is typically used to sedate large animals over extended periods of time, is used as a cheap alternative to other opioids.

As xylazine surges, some lawmakers want jail time for dealers and people who use the drug. Criminalizing xylazine or categorizing it as a controlled substance could cause more problems.

As the drug becomes more common, public health experts and harm reduction advocates warn that criminalizing xylazine could create more problems. Criminalizing xylazine or categorizing it as a controlled substance could cause more problems.

Welcome back, readers!

Features:

Weekend Recap

REPORTER’S NOTEBOOK

MORE STATE NEWS

WHAT WE'RE READING

WHAT TO KNOW

MORE STATE NEWS

REPORTER’S NOTEBOOK

Monica Rappaport