

Nevada makes sale or possession of 'bath salts' a felony

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CARSON CITY – Nevada legislators unanimously approved a regulation Wednesday that makes it felony to sell or possess methamphetamine-like synthetic drugs sold in some head shops and convenience stores as “bath salts.”

Without any debate, members of the Legislative Commission made permanent a regulation adopted by the Board of Pharmacy last month to outlaw substances that have led to at least two deaths in Nevada and caused dozens of residents to seek medical attention.

The regulation does not prohibit the sale or use of legitimate bath salts or lotions or soaps designed to provide soothing baths, but bans chemical substances that are used to get high but are referred to by users as bath salts.

They are sold under such names as Vanilla Sky, Purple Wave and White Lightning.

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Note: These drugs are an increasing problem in South Lake Tahoe as reported on *Lake Tahoe News* on Nov. 17, 2011.