

# SO-CALLED “BATH SALTS” DRUGS: NATIONWIDE EFFORTS

New Jersey is believed to be the third state to take expedited administrative action classifying the six so-called “bath salts” chemicals as Schedule 1 CDS, after Louisiana and Florida.

As of April 15, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a total of 15 states had taken action to ban at least one of the so-

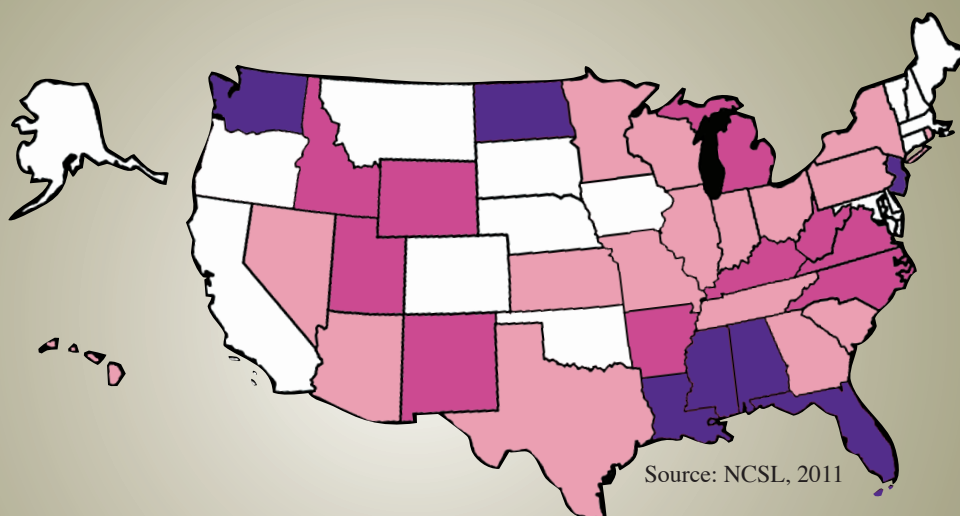
called “bath salts” drug chemicals, either through legislative or administrative action; and 31 state legislatures have introduced legislation to restrict these substances.

Poison control authorities in Louisiana have observed a significant decline in reported use after the six so-called “bath salts” drug chemicals were banned there.

## MORE FACTS ON SO-CALLED “BATH SALTS”

- ▶ Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom have banned mephedrone and/or MDPV.
- ▶ Pending Federal legislation would ban at least two so-called “bath salts” drug chemicals.

### STATE ACTION ON SO-CALLED “BATH SALTS” DRUGS



- States that have taken emergency action to ban at least two so-called “bath salts” drug chemicals
- States with current laws banning at least one so-called “bath salts” drug chemical
- States with pending legislation to ban at least one so-called “bath salts” drug chemical

### BY THE NUMBERS

**302**

Calls received by U.S. poison control centers in 2010 related to so-called “bath salts” drugs

**1782**

Calls received in the first four months of 2011 related to so-called “bath salts” drugs

Source: American Association of Poison Control Centers

To learn more about so-called “bath salts” drugs here in New Jersey, visit: [www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov](http://www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov)

