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Raised Bill No. 7065

LCO No. 5174



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF POSSESSION
OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF PSILOCYBIN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (23) of section 21a-240 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (23) "Hallucinogenic substances" are psychodysleptic substances,
5 other than cannabis-type substances, which assert a confusional or
6 disorganizing effect upon mental processes or behavior and mimic
7 acute psychotic disturbances. Exemplary of such drugs are mescaline,
8 peyote, psilocybin, psilocyn and d-lysergic acid diethylamide, which are
9 controlled substances under this chapter unless modified.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Any person who possesses
11 or has under such person's control less than one-half ounce of
12 psilocybin, except as authorized in chapter 420b of the general statutes,
13 shall (1) for a first offense, be fined one hundred fifty dollars, and (2) for
14 a subsequent offense, be fined not less than two hundred dollars or more
15 than five hundred dollars.

16 (b) The law enforcement officer issuing a complaint for a violation of
17 subsection (a) of this section shall seize the psilocybin and cause such
18 substance to be destroyed as contraband in accordance with law.

19 Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-279 of the
20 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
21 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

22 (a) (1) [Any] Except as authorized in this chapter or chapter 420f, any
23 person who possesses or has under such person's control any quantity
24 of any controlled substance [, except any quantity of cannabis, as
25 defined in section 21a-420, and except as authorized in this chapter or
26 chapter 420f,] shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. As used in this
27 section, "controlled substance" does not include (A) any quantity of
28 cannabis, as defined in section 21a-420, or (B) psilocybin in an amount
29 less than one-half ounce.

30 Sec. 4. Section 21a-267 of the general statutes is repealed and the
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

32 (a) No person shall use or possess with intent to use drug
33 paraphernalia, as defined in subdivision (20) of section 21a-240, to plant,
34 propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert,
35 produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain or
36 conceal, or to ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body,
37 any controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by
38 this act, other than cannabis in any amount or psilocybin in an amount
39 less than one-half ounce. Any person who violates any provision of this
40 subsection shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

41 (b) No person shall deliver, possess with intent to deliver or
42 manufacture with intent to deliver drug paraphernalia knowing, or
43 under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that it will be
44 used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture,
45 compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack,
46 repack, store, contain or conceal, or to ingest, inhale or otherwise
47 introduce into the human body, any controlled substance, other than

48 cannabis in any amount or psilocybin in an amount less than one-half
49 ounce. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection shall
50 be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

51 (c) Any person who violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section (1)
52 with intent to commit such violation at a specific location that the trier
53 of fact determines is (A) in or on the real property comprising a public
54 or private elementary or secondary school, or (B) within two hundred
55 feet of the perimeter of the real property comprising a public or private
56 elementary or secondary school, and (2) who is not enrolled as a student
57 in such school shall be imprisoned for a term of one year which shall not
58 be suspended and shall be in addition and consecutive to any term of
59 imprisonment imposed for violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this
60 section.

61 (d) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
62 any person (1) who in good faith, seeks medical assistance for another
63 person who such person reasonably believes is experiencing an
64 overdose from the ingestion, inhalation or injection of intoxicating
65 liquor or any drug or substance, (2) for whom another person, in good
66 faith, seeks medical assistance, reasonably believing such person is
67 experiencing an overdose from the ingestion, inhalation or injection of
68 intoxicating liquor or any drug or substance, or (3) who reasonably
69 believes he or she is experiencing an overdose from the ingestion,
70 inhalation or injection of intoxicating liquor or any drug or substance
71 and, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for himself or herself, if
72 evidence of the use or possession of drug paraphernalia in violation of
73 said subsection was obtained as a result of the seeking of such medical
74 assistance. For the purposes of this subsection, "good faith" does not
75 include seeking medical assistance during the course of the execution of
76 an arrest warrant or search warrant or a lawful search.

77 (e) For purposes of this section, "cannabis" has the same meaning as
78 provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

79 Sec. 5. Section 14-111e of the general statutes is repealed and the

80 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

81 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend, for a
82 period of one hundred fifty days, the motor vehicle operator's license or
83 nonresident operating privilege of any person who has been convicted
84 of a violation of section 30-88a involving the misuse of an operator's
85 license and who was under the age of twenty-one at the time of such
86 violation.

87 (2) The commissioner shall suspend, for a period of sixty days, the
88 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of
89 any person who has been convicted of a violation of subdivision (1) of
90 subsection (b) of section 30-89, section 2 of this act or subsection (b) or
91 (c) of section 21a-279a and who was under the age of twenty-one at the
92 time of such violation.

93 (3) The commissioner shall suspend, for a period of thirty days, the
94 motor vehicle operator's license or nonresident operating privilege of
95 any person who has been convicted of a violation of subdivision (2) of
96 subsection (b) of section 30-89 and who was under the age of twenty-
97 one at the time of such violation.

98 (b) The commissioner shall not issue a new motor vehicle operator's
99 license under the provisions of section 14-36 to any person who has been
100 convicted of a violation of section 30-88a or section 30-89, subsection (e)
101 of section 1-1h, subsection (a) of section 21a-279a, [or] subsection (d) of
102 section 21a-267, as amended by this act, or section 2 of this act, and who
103 was under the age of twenty-one at the time of such violation until a
104 period of one hundred fifty days has elapsed from the date all applicable
105 requirements for any such license have been satisfied by such person.

106 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
107 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
108 *1, 2025*):

109 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
110 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of

111 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)
 112 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25,
 113 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-
 114 254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of
 115 subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-
 116 326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of
 117 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-
 118 26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-
 119 124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection
 120 (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section
 121 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-
 122 324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,
 123 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,
 124 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of
 125 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
 126 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
 127 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
 128 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
 129 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,
 130 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,
 131 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-
 132 153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b
 133 or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-
 134 224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-
 135 267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of
 136 section 14-275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277,
 137 section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-
 138 283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa,
 139 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326,
 140 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section
 141 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of
 142 section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15,
 143 subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of
 144 section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152,
 145 subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of

146 section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-
 147 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b,
 148 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224,
 149 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338,
 150 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-
 151 153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or
 152 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482,
 153 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or
 154 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100,
 155 subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section
 156 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25,
 157 section 21a-26, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61,
 158 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section
 159 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159,
 160 section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section
 161 21a-415a, 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section
 162 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34,
 163 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l,
 164 subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of
 165 section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m,
 166 section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o,
 167 subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section
 168 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-
 169 326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection
 170 (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, subsection
 171 (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366,
 172 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a)
 173 of section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,
 174 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,
 175 section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b,
 176 subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section
 177 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-
 178 18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-
 179 56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61,
 180 section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89,

181 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117,
 182 subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138,
 183 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215,
 184 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-
 185 230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-
 186 285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13,
 187 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d),
 188 (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision
 189 (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of
 190 section 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-
 191 335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section
 192 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11,
 193 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36,
 194 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-
 195 52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section
 196 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of
 197 section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412,
 198 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57,
 199 subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-
 200 2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq,
 201 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764,
 202 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-230, 42-470 or 42-480,
 203 subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634
 204 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46a-
 205 81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53, subsection
 206 (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 47a-21,
 207 section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection (j) of section 52-
 208 362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-
 209 290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323 or 53-331,
 210 subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344, subsection (b) or (c) of
 211 section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a, section 53-377, 53-422
 212 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a or section 2 of this act, or (2)
 213 a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any
 214 regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484,
 215 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or

216 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes
217 and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but
218 does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or
219 borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for such
220 violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set
221 forth in this section.

222 Sec. 7. Subsection (i) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
223 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
224 *1, 2025*):

225 (i) In any trial for the alleged commission of a violation specified in
226 subsection (b) of this section, the practice, procedure, rules of evidence
227 and burden of proof applicable in criminal proceedings shall apply,
228 except that in any trial for the alleged commission of a violation under
229 section 2 of this act or subsection (a) of section 21a-279a, the burden of
230 proof shall be by the preponderance of the evidence. Any person found
231 guilty at the trial or upon a plea shall be guilty of the commission of a
232 violation and shall be fined not more than the statutory amount
233 applicable to such violation.

234 Sec. 8. Subdivision (2) of section 46b-120 of the general statutes is
235 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
236 *1, 2025*):

237 (2) (A) A child may be adjudicated as "delinquent" who has, while
238 under sixteen years of age, (i) violated any federal or state law, except a
239 first or second offense under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section
240 21a-279a or section 2 of this act, or except section 53a-172, 53a-173, 53a-
241 222, 53a-222a, 53a-223 or 53a-223a, or violated a municipal or local
242 ordinance, (ii) wilfully failed to appear in response to a summons under
243 section 46b-133 or at any other court hearing in a delinquency
244 proceeding of which the child had notice, (iii) violated any order of the
245 Superior Court in a delinquency proceeding, or (iv) violated conditions
246 of probation supervision or probation supervision with residential
247 placement in a delinquency proceeding as ordered by the court;

248 (B) A child may be adjudicated as "delinquent" who has (i) while
 249 sixteen or seventeen years of age, violated any federal or state law, other
 250 than (I) an infraction, (II) a violation, (III) a motor vehicle offense or
 251 violation under title 14, (IV) a violation of a municipal or local
 252 ordinance, (V) a violation of section 51-164r, 53a-172, 53a-173, 53a-222,
 253 53a-222a, 53a-223 or 53a-223a, or (VI) a first or second offense under
 254 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-279a or section 2 of this
 255 act, (ii) while sixteen years of age or older, wilfully failed to appear in
 256 response to a summons under section 46b-133 or at any other court
 257 hearing in a delinquency proceeding of which the child had notice, (iii)
 258 while sixteen years of age or older, violated any order of the Superior
 259 Court in a delinquency proceeding, or (iv) while sixteen years of age or
 260 older, violated conditions of probation supervision or probation
 261 supervision with residential placement in a delinquency proceeding as
 262 ordered by the court;

263 Sec. 9. Subdivision (7) of section 46b-120 of the general statutes is
 264 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 265 *1, 2025*):

266 (7) "Delinquent act" means (A) the violation by a child under the age
 267 of sixteen of any federal or state law, except a first or second offense
 268 under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-279a or section 2
 269 of this act, the violation of section 53a-172, 53a-173, 53a-222, 53a-222a,
 270 53a-223 or 53a-223a [,] or the violation of a municipal or local ordinance,
 271 (B) the violation by a child sixteen or seventeen years of age of any
 272 federal or state law, other than (i) an infraction, (ii) a violation, (iii) a
 273 motor vehicle offense or violation under title 14, (iv) the violation of a
 274 municipal or local ordinance, (v) the violation of section 51-164r, 53a-
 275 172, 53a-173, 53a-222, 53a-222a, 53a-223 or 53a-223a, or (vi) a first or
 276 second offense under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-
 277 279a or section 2 of this act, (C) the wilful failure of a child, including a
 278 child who has attained the age of eighteen, to appear in response to a
 279 summons under section 46b-133 or at any other court hearing in a
 280 delinquency proceeding of which the child has notice, (D) the violation
 281 of any order of the Superior Court in a delinquency proceeding by a

282 child, including a child who has attained the age of eighteen, or (E) the
283 violation of conditions of probation supervision or probation
284 supervision with residential placement in a delinquency proceeding by
285 a child, including a child who has attained the age of eighteen, as
286 ordered by the court;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-240(23)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-279(a)(1)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-267
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	14-111e
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	51-164n(i)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	46b-120(2)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	46b-120(7)

JUD *Joint Favorable*