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***AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS, HEMP AND TOBACCO
REGULATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of sections 21a-425 to 21a-425d, inclusive, of the general
3 statutes, an infused beverage manufacturer licensed by the
4 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-425a of
5 the general statutes, as amended by this act, may manufacture
6 beverages containing total THC greater than three milligrams per
7 container, provided such beverages are sold outside of this state in
8 accordance with all applicable provisions of federal law and the laws of
9 the states in which such beverages are sold. For purposes of this section,
10 "total THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240 of the
11 general statutes.

12 Sec. 2. Section 30-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

14 (a) (1) A wholesaler permit shall allow the bottling of alcoholic liquor
15 and the wholesale sale of alcoholic liquor to permittees in this state and

16 without the state, as may be permitted by law, and the sale of alcoholic
17 liquors to vessels engaged in coastwise or foreign commerce, and the
18 sale of alcohol and alcoholic liquor for industrial purposes to
19 nonpermittees, such sales to be made in accordance with the regulations
20 adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection, and the sale of
21 alcohol and alcoholic liquor for medicinal purposes to hospitals and
22 charitable institutions and to religious organizations for sacramental
23 purposes and the receipt from out-of-state shippers of multiple
24 packages of alcoholic liquor. The holder of a wholesaler permit may
25 apply for and shall thereupon receive an out-of-state shipper's permit
26 for direct importation from abroad of alcoholic liquors manufactured
27 outside the United States and an out-of-state shipper's permit for direct
28 importation from abroad of beer manufactured outside the United
29 States. The annual fee for a wholesaler permit shall be two thousand six
30 hundred fifty dollars.

31 (2) When a holder of a wholesaler permit has had the distributorship
32 of any alcohol, beer, spirits or wine product of a manufacturer or out-
33 of-state shipper for six months or more, such distributorship may be
34 terminated or its geographic territory diminished upon (A) the
35 execution of a written stipulation by the wholesaler and manufacturer
36 or out-of-state shipper agreeing to the change and the approval of such
37 change by the Department of Consumer Protection; or (B) the sending
38 of a written notice by certified or registered mail, return receipt
39 requested, by the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper to the
40 wholesaler, a copy of which notice has been sent simultaneously to the
41 department in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
42 Protection. No such termination or diminishment shall become effective
43 except for just and sufficient cause, provided such cause shall be set
44 forth in such notice and the department shall determine, after hearing,
45 that just and sufficient cause exists. If an emergency occurs, caused by
46 the wholesaler, prior to such hearing, which threatens the
47 manufacturers' or out-of-state shippers' products or otherwise
48 endangers the business of the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper and

49 said emergency is established to the satisfaction of the department, the
50 department may temporarily suspend such wholesaler permit or take
51 whatever reasonable action the department deems advisable to provide
52 for such emergency and the department may continue such temporary
53 action until its decision after a full hearing. The department shall render
54 its decision with reasonable promptness following such hearing.
55 Notwithstanding the aforesaid, a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper
56 may appoint one or more additional wholesalers as the distributor for
57 an alcohol, spirits or wine product within such territory, provided such
58 appointment shall not be effective until six months from the date such
59 manufacturer or out-of-state shipper sets forth such intention in written
60 notice to the existing wholesaler by certified or registered mail, return
61 receipt requested, with a copy of such notice simultaneously sent to the
62 department in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
63 Protection. For just and sufficient cause, a manufacturer or out-of-state
64 shipper may appoint one or more additional wholesalers as the
65 distributor for a beer product within such territory provided such
66 manufacturer or out-of-state shipper sets forth such intention and cause
67 in written notice to the existing wholesaler by certified or registered
68 mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of such notice
69 simultaneously sent to the department in a manner prescribed by the
70 Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Such written notice shall
71 include the name of each additional wholesaler appointed as a
72 distributor and provide a detailed description of the just and sufficient
73 cause necessitating such appointment. For the purposes of this section,
74 "just and sufficient cause" means the existence of circumstances which,
75 in the opinion of a reasonable person considering all of the equities of
76 both the wholesaler and the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper
77 warrants a termination or a diminishment of a distributorship as the
78 case may be. For the purposes of this section, "manufacturer or out-of-
79 state shipper" means the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper who
80 originally granted a distributorship of any alcohol, beer, spirits or wine
81 product to a wholesaler, any successor to such manufacturer or out-of-
82 state shipper, which successor has assumed the contractual relationship

83 with such wholesaler by assignment or otherwise, or any other
84 manufacturer or out-of-state shipper who acquires the right to ship such
85 alcohol, beer, spirits or wine into the state.

86 (3) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to interfere
87 with the authority of the Department of Consumer Protection to retain
88 or adopt reasonable regulations concerning the termination or
89 diminishment of a distributorship held by a wholesaler for less than six
90 months.

91 (4) All hearings held under this section shall be held in accordance
92 with the provisions of chapter 54.

93 (b) A wholesaler permit for beer shall be in all respects the same as a
94 wholesaler permit, except that the scope of operations of the holder shall
95 be limited to beer; but shall not prohibit the handling of nonalcoholic
96 merchandise. The holder of a wholesaler permit for beer may apply for
97 and shall thereupon receive an out-of-state shipper's permit for direct
98 importation from abroad of beer manufactured outside the United
99 States. The annual fee for a wholesaler permit for beer shall be one
100 thousand dollars.

101 (c) A wholesaler permittee may offer to industry members and its
102 own staff free samples of alcoholic liquor that it distributes for tasting
103 on the wholesaler's premises. Any offering, tasting, wine education and
104 tasting class demonstration held on permit premises shall be conducted
105 only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic
106 liquor under section 30-91. No tasting of wine on the premises shall be
107 offered from more than ten uncorked or open bottles at any one time. A
108 wholesaler may offer such tastings to retail permittees not more than
109 four times per year.

110 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive,
111 of this section, a wholesaler permittee may exclusively engage in the
112 wholesale sale of infused beverages, and shall not be required to engage
113 in the wholesale sale of alcoholic liquor in order to engage in the

114 wholesale sale of infused beverages. As used in this subsection, "infused
115 beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-425.

116 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420g of the general statutes is
117 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
118 *2025*):

119 (b) Except as provided in sections 21a-420o and 21a-420aa and section
120 13 of this act, prior to the first date that the department begins accepting
121 applications for a license type, the department shall determine the
122 maximum number of applications that shall be considered for such
123 license type and post such information on its Internet web site. Fifty per
124 cent of the maximum number of applications that shall be considered
125 for each license type (1) shall be selected through a social equity lottery
126 for such license type, and (2) shall be reserved by the department for
127 social equity applicants. If, upon the close of the application period for
128 a license type, the department receives more applications than the
129 maximum number to be considered in total or to be reserved for social
130 equity applicants as set forth in this subsection, a third-party lottery
131 operator shall conduct a lottery to identify applications for review by
132 the department and the Social Equity Council.

133 Sec. 4. Subsection (j) of section 21a-420g of the general statutes is
134 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
135 *passage*):

136 (j) All applicants selected in the lottery and not denied shall be
137 provided a provisional license application, which shall be submitted in
138 a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. Lottery applicants
139 shall have sixty days from the date they receive their provisional
140 application to complete the application. The right to apply for a
141 provisional license is nontransferable. Upon receiving a provisional
142 application from an applicant, the department shall review the
143 application for completeness and to confirm that all information
144 provided is acceptable and in compliance with this section and any

145 regulations adopted under this section. If a provisional application does
 146 not meet the standards set forth in this section, the applicant shall not
 147 be provided a provisional license. A provisional license issued by the
 148 department to an applicant, [on or before June 30, 2023,] other than a
 149 provisional license issued pursuant to section 21a-420o, shall expire
 150 twenty-four months after the date on which the department issued such
 151 provisional license and shall not be renewed. [A provisional license
 152 issued by the department to an applicant on or after July 1, 2023, other
 153 than a provisional license issued pursuant to section 21a-420o, shall
 154 expire after fourteen months and shall not be renewed.] Upon granting
 155 a provisional license, the department shall notify the applicant of the
 156 project labor agreement requirements of section 21a-421e. A provisional
 157 licensee may apply for a final license of the license type for which the
 158 licensee applied during the initial application period. A provisional
 159 license shall be nontransferable. If the provisional application does not
 160 meet the standards set forth in this section or is not completed within
 161 sixty days, the applicant shall not receive a provisional license. The
 162 decision of the department not to award a provisional license shall be
 163 final and may be appealed in accordance with section 4-183. Nothing in
 164 this section shall prevent a provisional applicant from submitting an
 165 application for a future lottery.

166 Sec. 5. Subsection (g) of section 21a-420m of the general statutes is
 167 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 168 *passage*):

169 (g) If a producer has paid a reduced conversion fee, as described in
 170 subsection (b) of section 21a-420l, and subsequently did not create two
 171 equity joint ventures under this section that, not later than [fourteen]
 172 twenty-four months after the Department of Consumer Protection
 173 approved the producer's license expansion application under section
 174 21a-420l, each received a final license from the department, the producer
 175 shall be liable for the full conversion fee of three million dollars
 176 established in section 21a-420l minus such paid reduced conversion fee.

177 Sec. 6. Subsection (g) of section 21a-420u of the general statutes is
178 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
179 *passage*):

180 (g) If a dispensary facility has paid the reduced conversion fee, in
181 accordance with subsection (a) of this section, and did not subsequently
182 create one equity joint venture under this section that, not later than
183 [fourteen] twenty-four months after the Department of Consumer
184 Protection approved the dispensary facility's license conversion
185 application under section 21a-420t, receives a final license from the
186 department, the dispensary facility shall be liable for the full conversion
187 fee of one million dollars established in section 21a-420e, as amended by
188 this act, minus such paid reduced conversion fee.

189 Sec. 7. Section 21a-421j of the general statutes is repealed and the
190 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

191 (a) As used in this section, "total THC" has the same meaning as
192 provided in section 21a-240.

193 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with
194 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding
195 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to
196 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and
197 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue
198 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of RERACA that
199 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all
200 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site and
201 submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for
202 posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the
203 effective date of any policy or procedure. The commissioner shall also
204 provide such policies and procedures, in a manner prescribed by the
205 commissioner, to each licensee. Any such policy or procedure shall no
206 longer be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy
207 or procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight

208 months from June 22, 2021, if such regulations have not been submitted
209 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under
210 section 4-170. The commissioner shall issue policies and procedures and
211 thereafter final regulations that include, but are not limited to, the
212 following:

213 (1) Setting appropriate dosage, potency, concentration and serving
214 size limits and delineation requirements for cannabis, provided a
215 standardized serving of edible cannabis product or beverage, other than
216 a medical marijuana product, shall contain not more than five
217 milligrams of THC.

218 (2) Requiring that each single standardized serving of cannabis
219 product in a multiple-serving edible product or beverage is physically
220 demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to determine how
221 much of the product constitutes a single serving and a maximum
222 amount of THC per multiple-serving edible cannabis product or
223 beverage.

224 (3) Requiring that, if it is impracticable to clearly demark every
225 standardized serving of cannabis product or to make each standardized
226 serving easily separable in an edible cannabis product or beverage, the
227 product, other than cannabis concentrate or medical marijuana product,
228 shall contain not more than five milligrams of THC per unit of sale.

229 (4) Establishing, in consultation with the Department of Mental
230 Health and Addiction Services, consumer health materials that shall be
231 posted or distributed, as specified by the commissioner, by cannabis
232 establishments to maximize dissemination to cannabis consumers.
233 Consumer health materials may include pamphlets, packaging inserts,
234 signage, online and printed advertisements and advisories and printed
235 health materials.

236 (5) Imposing labeling and packaging requirements for cannabis sold
237 by a cannabis establishment that include, but are not limited to, the
238 following:

239 (A) Inclusion of universal symbols to indicate that cannabis, or a
240 cannabis product, contains THC and is not legal or safe for individuals
241 younger than twenty-one years of age, and prescribe how such product
242 and product packaging shall utilize and exhibit such symbols.

243 (B) A disclosure concerning the length of time it typically takes for
244 the cannabis to affect an individual, including that certain forms of
245 cannabis take longer to have an effect.

246 (C) A notation of the amount of cannabis the cannabis product is
247 considered the equivalent to.

248 (D) A list of ingredients and all additives for cannabis.

249 (E) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of section
250 21a-420p, as amended by this act, child-resistant, tamper-resistant and
251 light-resistant packaging. For the purposes of this subparagraph,
252 packaging shall be deemed to be (i) child-resistant if the packaging
253 satisfies the standard for special packaging established in 16 CFR
254 1700.1(b)(4), as amended from time to time, (ii) tamper-resistant if the
255 packaging has at least one barrier to, or indicator of, entry that would
256 preclude the contents of such packaging from being accessed or
257 adulterated without indicating to a reasonable person that such
258 packaging has been breached, and (iii) light-resistant if the packaging is
259 entirely and uniformly opaque and protects the entirety of the contents
260 of such packaging from the effects of light.

261 (F) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of section
262 21a-420p, as amended by this act, (i) packaging for cannabis intended
263 for multiple servings to be resealable in such a manner so as to render
264 such packaging continuously child-resistant, as described in
265 subparagraph (E)(i) of this subdivision, and preserve the integrity of the
266 contents of such packaging, and (ii) if packaging for cannabis intended
267 for multiple servings contains any edible cannabis product, for each
268 single standardized serving to be easily discernible and (I) individually
269 wrapped, or (II) physically demarked and delineated as required under

270 this subsection.

271 (G) Impervious packaging that protects the contents of such
272 packaging from contamination and exposure to any toxic or harmful
273 substance, including, but not limited to, any glue or other adhesive or
274 substance that is incorporated in such packaging.

275 (H) Product tracking information sufficient to determine where and
276 when the cannabis was grown and manufactured such that a product
277 recall could be effectuated.

278 (I) A net weight statement.

279 (J) A recommended use by or expiration date.

280 (K) Standard and uniform packaging and labeling, including, but not
281 limited to, requirements (i) regarding branding or logos, (ii) that all
282 packaging be opaque, and (iii) that amounts and concentrations of THC
283 and cannabidiol, per serving and per package, be clearly marked on the
284 packaging or label of any cannabis product sold.

285 (L) For any cannabis concentrate cannabis product that contains a
286 total THC percentage greater than thirty per cent, a warning that such
287 cannabis product is a high-potency product and may increase the risk
288 of psychosis.

289 (M) Chemotypes, which shall be displayed as (i) "High THC, Low
290 CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is greater than five to one and the
291 total THC percentage is at least fifteen per cent, (ii) "Moderate THC,
292 Moderate CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is at least one to five but
293 not greater than five to one and the total THC percentage is greater than
294 five per cent but less than fifteen per cent, (iii) "Low THC, High CBD"
295 where the ratio of THC to CBD is less than one to five and the total THC
296 percentage is not greater than five per cent, or (iv) the chemotype
297 described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subparagraph that most closely
298 fits the cannabis or cannabis product, as determined by mathematical

299 analysis of the ratio of THC to CBD, where such cannabis or cannabis
300 product does not fit a chemotype described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of
301 this subparagraph.

302 (N) A requirement that, prior to being sold and transferred to a
303 consumer, qualifying patient or caregiver, cannabis packaging be
304 clearly labeled, whether printed directly on such packaging or affixed
305 by way of a separate label, other than an extended content label, with:

306 (i) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking
307 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under
308 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by
309 the commissioner pursuant to this section; and

310 (ii) The following information concerning the cannabis contained in
311 such packaging, which shall be in legible English, black lettering, Times
312 New Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background
313 and in uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a
314 capital letter "K", which information shall also be available on the
315 Internet web site of the cannabis establishment that sells and transfers
316 such cannabis:

317 (I) The name of such cannabis, as registered with the department
318 under the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted,
319 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

320 (II) The expiration date, which shall not account for any refrigeration
321 after such cannabis is sold and transferred to the consumer, qualifying
322 patient or caregiver.

323 (III) The net weight or volume, expressed in metric and imperial
324 units.

325 (IV) The standardized serving size, expressed in customary units, and
326 the number of servings included in such packaging, if applicable.

327 (V) Directions for use and storage.

328 (VI) Each active ingredient comprising at least one per cent of such
329 cannabis, including cannabinoids, isomers, esters, ethers and salts and
330 salts of isomers, esters and ethers, and all quantities thereof expressed
331 in metric units and as a percentage of volume.

332 (VII) A list of all known allergens, as identified by the federal Food
333 and Drug Administration, contained in such cannabis, or the denotation
334 "no known FDA identified allergens" if such cannabis does not contain
335 any allergen identified by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

336 (VIII) The following warning statement within, and outlined by, a red
337 box:

338 "This product is not FDA-approved, may be intoxicating, cause long-
339 term physical and mental health problems, and have delayed side
340 effects. It is illegal to operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence
341 of cannabis. Keep away from children."

342 (IX) At least one of the following warning statements, rotated
343 quarterly on an alternating basis:

344 "Warning: Frequent and prolonged use of cannabis can contribute to
345 mental health problems over time, including anxiety, depression,
346 stunted brain development and impaired memory."

347 "Warning: Consumption while pregnant or breastfeeding may be
348 harmful."

349 "Warning: Cannabis has intoxicating effects and may be habit-
350 forming and addictive."

351 "Warning: Consuming more than the recommended amount may
352 result in adverse effects requiring medical attention."

353 (X) All information necessary to comply with labeling requirements
354 imposed under the laws of this state and federal law, including, but not
355 limited to, sections 21a-91 to 21a-120, inclusive, and 21a-151 to 21a-159,

356 inclusive, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 301 et seq.,
357 as amended from time to time, and the federal Fair Packaging and
358 Labeling Act, 15 USC 1451 et seq., as amended from time to time, for
359 similar products that do not contain cannabis.

360 (XI) Such additional warning labels for certain cannabis products as
361 the commissioner may require and post on the department's Internet
362 web site.

363 (6) Establishing laboratory testing standards, consumer disclosures
364 concerning mold and yeast in cannabis and permitted remediation
365 practices.

366 (7) Restricting forms of cannabis products and cannabis product
367 delivery systems to ensure consumer safety and deter public health
368 concerns.

369 (8) Prohibiting certain manufacturing methods, or inclusion of
370 additives to cannabis products, including, but not limited to, (A) added
371 flavoring, terpenes or other additives unless approved by the
372 department, or (B) any form of nicotine or other additive containing
373 nicotine.

374 (9) Prohibiting cannabis product types that appeal to children.

375 (10) Establishing physical and cyber security requirements related to
376 build out, monitoring and protocols for cannabis establishments as a
377 requirement for licensure.

378 (11) Placing temporary limits on the sale of cannabis in the adult-use
379 market, if deemed appropriate and necessary by the commissioner, in
380 response to a shortage of cannabis for qualifying patients.

381 (12) Requiring retailers and hybrid retailers to make best efforts to
382 provide access to (A) low-dose THC products, including products that
383 have one milligram and two and a half milligrams of THC per dose, and
384 (B) high-dose CBD products.

385 (13) Requiring producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product
386 manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers to register brand
387 names for cannabis, in accordance with the policies and procedures and
388 subject to the fee set forth in, regulations adopted under chapter 420f.

389 (14) Prohibiting a cannabis establishment from selling, other than the
390 sale of medical marijuana products between cannabis establishments
391 and the sale of cannabis to qualified patients and caregivers, (A)
392 cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material with a total THC
393 concentration greater than thirty per cent on a dry-weight basis, [and]
394 (B) any cannabis product, other than cannabis flower, [and] cannabis
395 plant material and any prefilled cartridge for use in an electronic
396 cannabis delivery system, with a total THC concentration greater than
397 sixty per cent on a dry-weight basis, except that [the provisions of
398 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not apply to the sale of
399 prefilled cartridges for use in an electronic cannabis delivery system, as
400 defined in section 19a-342a and] the department may adjust the
401 percentages set forth in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision in
402 regulations adopted pursuant to this section for purposes of public
403 health or to address market access or shortage, and (C) any prefilled
404 cartridge for use in an electronic cannabis delivery system that contains
405 more than five hundred milligrams of THC per cartridge or allows a
406 person to inhale more than two milligrams of THC per inhalation. As
407 used in this subdivision, (i) "cannabis plant material" means material
408 from the cannabis plant, as defined in section 21a-279a, and (ii)
409 "electronic cannabis delivery system" has the same meaning as provided
410 in section 19a-342a.

411 (15) Permitting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis.

412 (16) Prohibiting packaging that is (A) visually similar to any
413 commercially similar product that does not contain cannabis, or (B) used
414 for any good that is marketed to individuals reasonably expected to be
415 younger than twenty-one years of age.

416 (17) Allowing packaging to include a picture of the cannabis product
417 and contain a logo of one cannabis establishment, which logo may be
418 comprised of not more than three colors and provided neither black nor
419 white shall be considered one of such three colors.

420 (18) Requiring packaging to (A) be entirely and uniformly one color,
421 and (B) not incorporate any information, print, embossing, debossing,
422 graphic or hidden feature, other than any permitted or required label.

423 (19) Requiring that packaging and labeling for an edible cannabis
424 product, excluding the warning labels required under this subsection
425 and a picture of the cannabis product described in subdivision (17) of
426 this subsection but including, but not limited to, the logo of the cannabis
427 establishment, shall only be comprised of black and white or a
428 combination thereof.

429 (20) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
430 requiring that delivery device cartridges be labeled, in a clearly legible
431 manner and in as large a font as the size of the device reasonably allows,
432 with only the following information (i) the name of the cannabis
433 establishment where the cannabis is grown or manufactured, (ii) the
434 cannabis brand, (iii) the total THC and total CBD content contained
435 within the delivery device cartridge, (iv) the expiration date, and (v) the
436 unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking system
437 maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under the
438 policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by the
439 commissioner pursuant to this section.

440 (B) A cannabis establishment may emboss, deboss or similarly print
441 the name of the cannabis establishment's business entity, and one logo
442 with not more than three colors, on a delivery device cartridge.

443 (21) Prescribing signage to be prominently displayed at dispensary
444 facilities, retailers and hybrid retailers disclosing (A) possible health
445 risks related to mold, and (B) the use and possible health risks related to
446 the use of mold remediation techniques.

447 Sec. 8. Section 21a-421l of the general statutes is repealed and the
448 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

449 (a) Each cannabis establishment shall establish, maintain and comply
450 with written policies and procedures for the cultivation, processing,
451 manufacture, security, storage, inventory and distribution of cannabis,
452 as applicable to the specific license type. Such policies and procedures
453 shall include methods for identifying, recording and reporting
454 diversion, theft or loss, and for correcting all errors and inaccuracies in
455 inventories. Cannabis establishments shall include in their written
456 policies and procedures a process for each of the following, if the
457 establishment engages in such activity:

458 (1) Handling mandatory and voluntary recalls of cannabis. Such
459 process shall be adequate to deal with recalls due to any order of the
460 commissioner and any voluntary action by the cannabis establishment
461 to remove defective or potentially defective cannabis from the market
462 or any action undertaken to promote public health and safety by
463 replacing existing cannabis with improved products or packaging;

464 (2) Preparing for, protecting against and handling any crisis that
465 affects the security or operation of any facility used in the operation of
466 a cannabis establishment in the event of a strike, fire, flood or other
467 natural disaster, or other situations of local, state or national emergency;

468 (3) Ensuring that any outdated, damaged, deteriorated, misbranded
469 or adulterated cannabis is segregated from all other inventory and
470 destroyed. Such procedure shall provide for written documentation of
471 the cannabis disposition; and

472 (4) Ensuring the oldest stock of a cannabis is sold, delivered or
473 dispensed first. Such procedure may permit deviation from this
474 requirement, if such deviation is temporary and approved by the
475 commissioner.

476 (b) A cannabis establishment shall (1) store all cannabis in such a

477 manner as to prevent diversion, theft or loss, (2) make cannabis
478 accessible only to the minimum number of specifically authorized
479 employees essential for efficient operation, and (3) return any cannabis
480 to a secure location at the end of the scheduled business day. For the
481 purposes of this subsection, a location shall be deemed to be secure if
482 the location satisfies the requirements imposed in subsection (b) of
483 section 21a-262-4 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies for
484 controlled substances listed in schedules III, IV and V of the Connecticut
485 controlled substance scheduling regulations adopted pursuant to
486 section 21a-243.

487 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, a cannabis
488 establishment shall not be required to report to the department any
489 diversion, theft or loss of cannabis until the cannabis establishment has
490 completed an investigation of such diversion, theft or loss, provided the
491 value of the diverted, stolen or lost cannabis does not exceed five
492 hundred dollars.

493 Sec. 9. Subsection (x) of section 22-61m of the general statutes is
494 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
495 *passage*):

496 (x) No manufacturer hemp product that is a food, beverage, oil or
497 other product intended for human ingestion shall be distributed or sold
498 in this state unless such product is contained within a package, or a label
499 is affixed to such package, that includes:

500 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response
501 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form product
502 batch by an independent testing laboratory and discloses:

503 (A) The name of such product;

504 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's
505 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;

506 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such
507 package or label; and

508 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such product,
509 including, but not limited to, total THC and any cannabinoids or active
510 ingredients comprising at least one per cent of such product;

511 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable;

512 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing that:

513 (A) [Children, or those] Those who are pregnant or breastfeeding []
514 should avoid using such product prior to consulting with a health care
515 professional concerning such product's safety;

516 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of
517 children; and

518 (C) The federal Food and Drug Administration has not evaluated
519 such product for safety or efficacy; and

520 (4) If such product is intended to be inhaled, a clear and conspicuous
521 warning statement disclosing that smoking or vaporizing is hazardous
522 to human health.

523 Sec. 10. Subdivision (1) of section 21a-420 of the general statutes is
524 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
525 *passage*):

526 (1) "Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis
527 Act" or "RERACA" means this section, sections 2-56j, 7-294kk, 7-294ll,
528 12-330ll to 12-330nn, inclusive, 14-227p, 21a-278b, 21a-278c, 21a-279c,
529 21a-279d, 21a-420a to 21a-420j, inclusive, 21a-420l to 21a-421r, inclusive,
530 21a-421aa to 21a-421ff, inclusive, 21a-421aaa to 21a-421hhh, inclusive,
531 21a-422 to 21a-422c, inclusive, 21a-422e to 21a-422g, inclusive, 21a-422j
532 to 21a-422s, inclusive, 22-61n, 23-4b, 47a-9a, 53-247a, 53a-213a, 53a-213b,
533 54-33p, 54-56q, 54-56r, 54-125k and 54-142u, sections 23, 60, 63 to 65,

534 inclusive, 124, 144 and 165 of public act 21-1 of the June special session,
 535 and the amendments in public act 21-1 of the June special session to
 536 sections 7-148, 10-221, 12-30a, 12-35b, 12-412, 12-650, 12-704d, 14-44k, 14-
 537 111e, 14-227a to 14-227c, inclusive, 14-227j, 15-140q, 15-140r, 18-100h,
 538 19a-342, 19a-342a, 21a-267, 21a-277, 21a-279, 21a-279a, 21a-408 to 21a-
 539 408f, inclusive, 21a-408h to 21a-408p, inclusive, 21a-408r to 21a-408w,
 540 inclusive, 21a-420aa, 21a-421s, 30-89a, 31-40q, 32-39, 46b-120, 51-164n,
 541 53-394, 53a-39c, 54-1m, 54-33g, 54-41b, 54-56e, 54-56g, 54-56i, 54-56k, 54-
 542 56n, 54-63d, 54-66a and 54-142e, section 20 of public act 23-79 and
 543 sections 11 to 13, inclusive, of this act;

544 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision
 545 of chapter 420h of the general statutes, any provisional cultivator
 546 licensee licensed under section 21a-420o of the general statutes that
 547 submitted a completed cultivator license application pursuant to said
 548 section during the period beginning June 1, 2024, and ending March 31,
 549 2025, may locate its cultivation facility at any location in this state that
 550 is within a five-mile radius of any disproportionately impacted area,
 551 provided:

552 (1) Any landlord that leases real property to the licensee for the
 553 purpose of operating the cultivation facility shall remit (A) to the
 554 cultivation employee support account established under section 12 of
 555 this act four per cent of the gross revenue the landlord derives from
 556 leasing such real property to the licensee, and (B) to the Cannabis Social
 557 Equity and Innovation Fund established under section 21a-420f of the
 558 general statutes three per cent of the gross revenue the landlord derives
 559 from leasing such real property to the licensee, which remittance shall
 560 be directed to the disproportionately impacted area of which the
 561 licensee was a resident and that provided the basis for such licensee's
 562 application; and

563 (2) At least sixty per cent of such licensee's employees shall reside in
 564 the disproportionately impacted area described in subparagraph (B) of
 565 subdivision (1) of this section.

566 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established an account
567 to be known as the "cultivation employee support account", which shall
568 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account
569 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account.
570 Moneys in the account shall be expended by Commissioner of
571 Consumer Protection for the purposes of providing funding for child
572 care reimbursement and transportation assistance for employees of any
573 provisional cultivator licensee that operates a cultivation facility within
574 a five-mile radius of a disproportionately impacted area pursuant to
575 section 11 of this act.

576 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) During the period beginning
577 July 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026, the department shall issue
578 a cultivator license or micro-cultivator license to a social equity
579 applicant:

580 (1) If prior to July 1, 2025, the social equity applicant submitted to the
581 department a completed cultivator license application pursuant to
582 subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, and:

583 (A) The Social Equity Council verified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of
584 subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, that the
585 applicant met the criteria established for a social equity applicant; or

586 (B) The department issued a provisional cultivator license, but not a
587 final cultivator license, to the social equity applicant pursuant to section
588 21a-420o of the general statutes;

589 (2) If during the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending March 31,
590 2026, the social equity applicant submits to the department, in a form
591 and manner prescribed by the commissioner:

592 (A) A completed application for a cultivator license or micro-
593 cultivator license;

594 (B) A copy of an agreement, between the social equity applicant and

595 a hemp producer that has been continually licensed under section 22-
596 61l of the general statutes since January 1, 2024, which provides:

597 (i) For the use of the hemp producer's cultivation lot, which may be
598 located outside of a disproportionately impacted area; and

599 (ii) That if the department issues a provisional cultivator license or a
600 provisional micro-cultivator license to the social equity applicant
601 pursuant to this section:

602 (I) Such provisional cultivator license or provisional micro-cultivator
603 license shall immediately be deemed to have automatically replaced
604 both the provisional cultivator license application the social equity
605 applicant submitted and any provisional cultivator license the
606 department issued to the social equity applicant pursuant to subsection
607 (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, and such previously
608 submitted provisional cultivator license application and previously
609 issued provisional cultivator license shall immediately be deemed to
610 have been automatically withdrawn or surrendered, as applicable, as set
611 forth in subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision; and

612 (II) The hemp producer shall immediately be deemed to have
613 automatically surrendered such hemp producer's license under section
614 22-61l of the general statutes, as set forth in subparagraph (D) of this
615 subdivision;

616 (C) An acknowledgment by the social equity applicant that, if the
617 department issues a provisional cultivator license or provisional micro-
618 cultivator license to the social equity applicant pursuant to this section:

619 (i) Such provisional cultivator license or provisional micro-cultivator
620 license shall immediately be deemed to have automatically replaced
621 both the provisional cultivator license application the social equity
622 applicant submitted and any provisional cultivator license the
623 department issued to the social equity applicant pursuant to subsection
624 (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, and such previously

625 submitted provisional cultivator license application and previously
626 issued cultivator license shall immediately be deemed to have been
627 automatically withdrawn or surrendered, as applicable; and

628 (ii) The social equity applicant shall be (I) eligible to create not more
629 than one equity joint venture after such social equity applicant receives
630 a cultivator license under this section and commences cultivation
631 activities under such cultivator license, as provided in subsection (e) of
632 this section, or (II) ineligible to create an equity joint venture after such
633 social equity applicant receives a micro-cultivator license under this
634 section, as provided in subsection (e) of this section;

635 (D) An acknowledgment by the hemp producer which is a party to
636 the agreement described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision that, if
637 the department issues a provisional cultivator license or provisional
638 micro-cultivator license to the social equity applicant pursuant to this
639 section, the hemp producer shall immediately be deemed to have
640 automatically surrendered such hemp producer's license under section
641 22-61l of the general statutes;

642 (E) Evidence that is sufficient for the department to verify that the
643 hemp producer which is a party to the agreement described in
644 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision has been continually licensed
645 under section 22-61l of the general statutes since January 1, 2024;

646 (F) A written statement by the social equity applicant disclosing
647 whether any change occurred in the ownership or control of the social
648 equity applicant after the Social Equity Council verified that the social
649 equity applicant met the criteria for a social equity applicant pursuant
650 to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general
651 statutes; and

652 (G) The application fee required under subsection (b) of this section;

653 (3) Provided any change described in subparagraph (F) of
654 subdivision (2) of this subsection that has occurred is:

655 (A) Allowed under (i) section 21a-420g of the general statutes, as
656 amended by this act, and (ii) any regulation adopted, or policy or
657 procedure issued, pursuant to section 21a-420g of the general statutes,
658 as amended by this act, or 21a-420h of the general statutes; and

659 (B) Allowed under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section,
660 whereby (i) the Social Equity Council has determined that the social
661 equity applicant continues to meet the criteria for a social equity
662 applicant, and (ii) the department has received a written notice from the
663 Social Equity Council affirming that the Social Equity Council has
664 determined that the social equity applicant continues to meet the criteria
665 for a social equity applicant;

666 (4) If pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, (A)
667 the Social Equity Council has reviewed the agreement described in
668 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (B) the
669 department has received a written notice from the Social Equity Council
670 affirming that the Social Equity Council has determined that the social
671 equity applicant continues to meet the criteria for a social equity
672 applicant; and

673 (5) If all hemp, as defined in section 22-61l of the general statutes, has
674 been harvested from the cultivation lot described in subparagraph (B)(i)
675 of subdivision (2) of this subsection.

676 (b) (1) A social equity applicant seeking a cultivator license under this
677 section shall submit to the department a three-million-dollar application
678 fee unless the social equity applicant has (A) received a provisional
679 cultivator license under subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general
680 statutes, and (B) paid the fee required under subdivision (3) of
681 subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes.

682 (2) A social equity applicant seeking a micro-cultivator license under
683 this section shall submit to the department a five-hundred-thousand-
684 dollar application fee unless the social equity applicant has (A) received
685 a provisional cultivator license under subsection (a) of section 21a-420o

686 of the general statutes, and (B) paid the fee required under subdivision
687 (3) of subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes.

688 (3) The fee to renew a final cultivator license or final micro-cultivator
689 license issued pursuant to this section shall be the same as the fee to
690 renew a final cultivator license or final micro-cultivator license as set
691 forth in section 21a-420e of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

692 (4) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be
693 deposited in the Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund
694 established in subsection (c) of section 21a-420f of the general statutes.

695 (c) (1) If any change described in subparagraph (F) of subdivision (2)
696 of subsection (a) of this section has occurred, the Social Equity Council
697 shall (A) determine whether the social equity applicant continues to
698 meet the criteria for a social equity applicant, and (B) submit to the
699 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, a
700 written notice disclosing such determination.

701 (2) The Social Equity Council shall (A) review the agreement
702 described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
703 section, and (B) submit to the department, in a form and manner
704 prescribed by the commissioner, a written notice disclosing whether the
705 social equity applicant continues to meet the criteria for a social equity
706 applicant.

707 (d) All harvested hemp described in subdivision (5) of subsection (a)
708 of this section shall continue to be deemed hemp until the department
709 issues a final cultivator license or final micro-cultivator license to the
710 social equity applicant pursuant to this section. After the department
711 issues a final cultivator license or final micro-cultivator license to the
712 social equity applicant pursuant to this section, such harvested hemp
713 shall be deemed to be cannabis and shall be subject to all cannabis
714 cultivation, testing, labeling, tracking, reporting and manufacturing
715 provisions of RERACA as such provisions apply to cultivators and
716 micro-cultivators. For the purposes of this subsection, "hemp" has the

717 same meaning as provided in section 22-61l of the general statutes.

718 (e) No social equity applicant that receives a cultivator license under
719 this section shall be eligible to create more than one equity joint venture,
720 and no such social equity applicant shall create any equity joint venture
721 unless such social equity applicant has received a cultivator license
722 under this section and commenced cultivation activities under such
723 cultivator license. No social equity applicant that receives a micro-
724 cultivator license under this section shall be eligible to create an equity
725 joint venture.

726 (f) Each application submitted to the department pursuant to
727 subsection (a) of this section, and all information included in, or
728 submitted with, any application submitted pursuant to said subsection,
729 shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of section 21a-420e of
730 the general statutes.

731 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of RERACA, and except as
732 otherwise provided in subsections (a) to (f), inclusive, of this section:

733 (1) Each application submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
734 section shall be processed as any other cultivator application or micro-
735 cultivator application that has been selected through the lottery; and

736 (2) Each social equity applicant, application submitted pursuant to
737 subsection (a) of this section, cultivator license issued pursuant to this
738 section and micro-cultivator license issued pursuant to this section shall
739 be subject to subsections (e) to (l), inclusive, of section 21a-420g of the
740 general statutes.

741 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

742 (1) "Industrial hemp" means hemp, as defined in section 22-61l of the
743 general statutes, that is cultivated for nonconsumable products,
744 including, but not limited to, building materials, textiles and bio-
745 composites, with a total THC concentration of not more than three-

746 tenths per cent on a dry-weight basis;

747 (2)"Qualified hemp farmer" means a farmer who is licensed and
748 authorized to cultivate industrial hemp; and

749 (3) "Certified seed" means a seed approved by the United States
750 Department of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture or another
751 certifying agency that is approved by the Department of Agriculture.

752 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Department of Agriculture, in
753 consultation with the Department of Consumer Protection and the
754 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall establish an
755 incentive program to offer financial, technical and marketing support to
756 qualified hemp farmers. Such program shall include, but need not be
757 limited to, the following:

758 (1) Paying a direct per-acre subsidy to qualified hemp farmers, the
759 amount of which shall be set forth annually by the Department of
760 Agriculture based on production needs and available funding;

761 (2) Resourcing or providing grants and low-interest loans to assist
762 qualified hemp farmers to acquire equipment and infrastructure
763 necessary to grow and process industrial hemp, including, but not
764 limited to, processing plants, storage facilities and equipment used to
765 convert industrial hemp into building materials, textiles and bio-
766 composites;

767 (3) Administering the tax credit established under section 17 of this
768 act for qualified hemp farmers to invest in the equipment and
769 infrastructure necessary to grow and process industrial hemp for the
770 purposes set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection; and

771 (4) Reducing the requirement for a qualified hemp farmer who uses
772 certified seed to test industrial hemp by (A) exempting the qualified
773 hemp farmer from testing a pre-harvest sample pursuant to section 22-
774 61l of the general statutes, and (B) limiting testing on post-harvest

775 samples to testing a post-harvest sample from one section of grow area
776 for each variety of certified seed used by the qualified hemp farmer.

777 (c) Any producer licensee licensed to produce hemp pursuant to
778 section 22-61l of the general statutes may apply, on such forms and in
779 such manner as prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, to the
780 Department of Agriculture to become a qualified hemp farmer under
781 the incentive program. The department shall license and authorize as a
782 qualified hemp farmer any producer licensee who (1) is in good
783 standing as a producer licensee, (2) commits to cultivating industrial
784 hemp, and (3) agrees to participate in data collection for program
785 evaluation purposes, including, but not limited to, reporting on acreage,
786 yield and processing methods. The department shall prioritize the
787 licensing and authorization of qualified hemp farmers located in regions
788 with high potential for sustainable agriculture and housing
789 development, as determined by the commissioner.

790 (d) Not later than January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the
791 Department of Agriculture shall submit, in accordance with the
792 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
793 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
794 relating to consumer protection a report detailing the effectiveness of
795 the incentive program, including, but not limited to, the number of
796 qualified hemp farmers participating in such incentive program, the
797 amount of industrial hemp grown for building materials, the
798 environmental impact of such incentive program and the market
799 demand for building materials that are produced from industrial hemp.

800 (e) The Department of Agriculture shall seek additional funding for
801 the incentive program from sources identified by the Commissioner of
802 Agriculture, including, but not limited to, federal grants or through
803 public-private partnerships with building material manufacturers,
804 private investors and environmental organizations.

805 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026,

806 the Department of Administrative Services shall establish a program to
807 provide a preference for state-funded construction projects, including,
808 but not limited to, new building construction projects, renovation
809 projects and infrastructure projects, that use building materials that are
810 (1) produced from industrial hemp, as defined in section 14 of this act,
811 including, but not limited to, hempcrete, fiberboard or insulation, and
812 (2) deemed suitable for construction purposes as determined by the
813 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

814 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026,
815 the Department of Economic and Community Development shall
816 establish a grant program to award grants to fund research,
817 development and innovation in the use of industrial hemp, as defined
818 in section 14 of this act, as a building material. Such grants shall be
819 awarded to companies and research institutions (1) on a first-come, first-
820 served basis, except that priority shall be given to any company or
821 institution located in the state, and (2) in an amount prescribed by the
822 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. Such grants
823 may be used to fund product testing, certification costs, market research
824 and any other effort to increase the use of industrial hemp-based
825 building materials in the state. Not later than January 1, 2026, the
826 department shall post, in a conspicuous location on the department's
827 Internet web site, (A) a description of such grant program, including,
828 but not limited to, the amount of grants available to companies and
829 research institutions under such program, and (B) an application form
830 for such grant program.

831 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026, and applicable to income and*
832 *taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this
833 section, "qualified hemp farmer" has the same meaning as provided in
834 section 14 of this act.

835 (b) (1) There shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under
836 chapter 208 or 229 of the general statutes, other than the liability
837 imposed by section 12-707 of the general statutes, for the amounts paid

838 or costs incurred by a qualified hemp farmer for the purchase of
839 equipment and infrastructure necessary to grow and process industrial
840 hemp for the purposes set forth in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
841 section 14 of this act.

842 (2) The amount of the credit shall be equal to the amounts paid or
843 costs incurred for the income or taxable year by a qualified hemp farmer
844 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure necessary to grow and
845 process industrial hemp for the purposes set forth in subdivision (2) of
846 subsection (b) of section 14 of this act.

847 (c) If the qualified hemp farmer is an S corporation or an entity treated
848 as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, the credit may be
849 claimed by the shareholders or partners of the qualified hemp farmer. If
850 the qualified hemp farmer is a single member limited liability company
851 that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, the credit may
852 be claimed by such limited liability company's owner, provided such
853 owner is a person subject to the tax imposed under chapter 208 or 229 of
854 the general statutes.

855 Sec. 18. Subsection (f) of section 21a-420p of the general statutes is
856 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
857 *2025*):

858 (f) (1) Subject to the requirements of this subsection and subsection
859 (b) of section 21a-420c, a micro-cultivator may sell [its own] cannabis
860 grown at such micro-cultivator's licensed establishment, including, but
861 not limited to, [its own] cannabis seedlings grown at such establishment,
862 to consumers, excluding qualifying patients and caregivers, (A) through
863 a delivery service licensed pursuant to section 21a-420z, as amended by
864 this act, or (B) at its licensed establishment, provided such micro-
865 cultivator (i) completes and submits a retail endorsement application to
866 the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner,
867 and renews such endorsement on an annual basis concurrent with such
868 micro-cultivator's license renewal, (ii) receives written approval of the

869 endorsement application and subsequent renewal applications from the
870 department, (iii) does not grow or cultivate cannabis outdoors, and (iv)
871 complies with all requirements for a retailer set forth in this chapter,
872 and, in the event of a conflict between any provision of this chapter, or
873 any regulation, policy or procedure prescribed pursuant to this chapter,
874 concerning micro-cultivators and any such provision, regulation, policy
875 or procedure concerning retailers, the provision, regulation, policy or
876 procedure imposing the more stringent public health and safety
877 standard shall prevail. No cannabis establishment other than a micro-
878 cultivator shall sell cannabis seedlings to consumers, and no cannabis
879 establishment other than a delivery service shall deliver cannabis
880 seedlings sold by a micro-cultivator to consumers.

881 (2) No micro-cultivator shall sell a cannabis seedling to a consumer
882 unless:

883 (A) The micro-cultivator cultivated the cannabis seedling in this state
884 from seed or clone;

885 (B) The cannabis seedling (i) has a standing height of not more than
886 six inches measured from the base of the stem to the tallest point of the
887 plant, (ii) does not contain any bud or flower, and (iii) has been tested
888 for pesticides and heavy metals in accordance with the laboratory
889 testing standards established in the policies and procedures issued, and
890 final regulations adopted, by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-
891 421j, as amended by this act; and

892 (C) A label or informational tag is affixed to the cannabis seedling
893 disclosing the following in legible English, black lettering, Times New
894 Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background and in
895 uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a capital
896 letter "K":

897 (i) The name of the micro-cultivator;

898 (ii) A product description for the cannabis seedling;

899 (iii) One of the following chemotypes anticipated after flowering: (I)
900 "High THC, Low CBD"; (II) "Low THC, High CBD"; or (III) "50/50 THC
901 and CBD";

902 (iv) The results of the testing required under subparagraph (B)(iii) of
903 this subdivision;

904 (v) Directions for optimal care of the cannabis seedling;

905 (vi) Unobscured symbols, in a size of not less than one-half inch by
906 one-half inch and in a format approved by the commissioner, which
907 symbols shall indicate that the cannabis seedling contains THC and is
908 not legal or safe for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age;
909 and

910 (vii) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking
911 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under
912 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by
913 the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this act.

914 (3) Notwithstanding section 21a-421j, as amended by this act, no
915 cannabis seedling shall be required to be sold in child-resistant
916 packaging.

917 (4) No micro-cultivator shall knowingly sell more than three cannabis
918 seedlings to a consumer in any six-month period.

919 (5) No micro-cultivator shall accept any returned cannabis seedling.

920 Sec. 19. Subsection (c) of section 21a-420e of the general statutes is
921 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
922 *2025*):

923 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the following
924 fees shall be paid by each applicant:

925 (1) For a retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five

926 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five
927 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a
928 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

929 (2) For a hybrid retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five
930 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five
931 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a
932 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

933 (3) For a cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one
934 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-
935 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
936 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

937 (4) For a micro-cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be
938 two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall
939 be five hundred dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
940 of a final license shall be one thousand dollars.

941 (5) (A) For a product manufacturer license, the fee to enter the lottery
942 shall be seven hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional
943 license shall be five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license
944 or a renewal of a final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

945 (B) For a product manufacturer seeking authorization to expand the
946 product manufacturer's authorized activities to include the authorized
947 activities of a food and beverage manufacturer, the application fee for
948 such expanded authorization shall be five thousand dollars and the fee
949 to renew such expanded authorization shall be five thousand dollars.
950 The fees due under this subparagraph shall be in addition to the fees
951 due under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

952 (6) (A) For a food and beverage manufacturer license, the fee to enter
953 the lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a
954 provisional license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive
955 a final license or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand

956 dollars.

957 (B) For a food and beverage manufacturer seeking authorization to
958 expand the food and beverage manufacturer's authorized activities to
959 include the authorized activities of a product manufacturer, the
960 application fee for such expanded authorization shall be twenty-five
961 thousand dollars and the fee to renew such expanded authorization
962 shall be twenty-five thousand dollars. The fees due under this
963 subparagraph shall be in addition to the fees due under subparagraph
964 (A) of this subdivision.

965 (7) (A) For a product packager license, the fee to enter the lottery shall
966 be five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be
967 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
968 of a final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

969 (B) For a product packager seeking authorization to expand the
970 product packager's authorized activities to include the authorized
971 activities of a product manufacturer, the application fee for such
972 expanded authorization shall be thirty thousand dollars and the fee to
973 renew such expanded authorization shall be twenty-five thousand
974 dollars. The [fees] renewal fee due under this subparagraph shall be in
975 lieu of the [fees] renewal fee due under subparagraph (A) of this
976 subdivision.

977 (8) (A) For a delivery service or transporter license, the fee to enter
978 the lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a
979 provisional license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive
980 a final license or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand
981 dollars.

982 (B) For a transporter seeking authorization to expand the
983 transporter's authorized activities to include the authorized activities of
984 a product packager, the application fee for such expanded authorization
985 shall be twenty-five thousand dollars, and the fee to renew such
986 expanded authorization shall be twenty-five thousand dollars. The

987 renewal fee due under this subparagraph shall be in lieu of the renewal
988 fee due under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. In the event a
989 transporter elects to cease the authorized activities of a product
990 packager, such transporter shall notify the department in writing prior
991 to reverting to the authorized activities of a transporter. Such
992 transporter shall remain authorized to perform the authorized activities
993 of a product packager until the end of the license period in which such
994 written notice was provided.

995 (9) For an initial or renewal of a backer license, the fee shall be one
996 hundred dollars.

997 (10) For an initial or renewal of a key employee license, the fee shall
998 be one hundred dollars.

999 (11) For an initial or renewal of a registration of an employee who is
1000 not a key employee, the fee shall be fifty dollars.

1001 (12) The license conversion fee for a dispensary facility to become a
1002 hybrid retailer shall be one million dollars, except as provided in section
1003 21a-420u, as amended by this act.

1004 (13) The license conversion fee for a producer to engage in the adult
1005 use cannabis market shall be three million dollars, except as provided in
1006 section 21a-420l.

1007 (14) For a dispensary facility license, the fee to enter the lottery shall
1008 be five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be
1009 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
1010 of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1011 (15) For a producer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one
1012 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-
1013 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
1014 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1015 Sec. 20. Section 21a-420z of the general statutes is repealed and the

1016 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1017 (a) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may issue or renew a
1018 license for a person to be a delivery service or a transporter. No person
1019 may act as a delivery service or transporter or represent that such person
1020 is a licensed delivery service or transporter unless such person has
1021 obtained a license from the department pursuant to this section.

1022 (b) Upon application for a delivery service or transporter license, the
1023 applicant shall indicate whether the applicant is applying to transport
1024 cannabis (1) between cannabis establishments, in which case the
1025 applicant shall apply for a transporter license, or (2) from certain
1026 cannabis establishments to consumers or qualifying patients and
1027 caregivers, or a combination thereof, in which case the applicant shall
1028 apply for a delivery service license.

1029 (c) A delivery service may (1) deliver cannabis from a micro-
1030 cultivator, retailer, or hybrid retailer directly to a consumer, and (2)
1031 deliver cannabis and medical marijuana products from a hybrid retailer
1032 or dispensary facility directly to a qualifying patient, caregiver, or
1033 hospice or other inpatient care facility licensed by the Department of
1034 Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that has protocols for the
1035 handling and distribution of cannabis that have been approved by the
1036 Department of Consumer Protection. A delivery service may not store
1037 or maintain control of cannabis or medical marijuana products for more
1038 than twenty-four hours between the point when a consumer, qualifying
1039 patient, caregiver or facility places an order, until the time that the
1040 cannabis or medical marijuana product is delivered to such consumer,
1041 qualifying patient, caregiver or facility.

1042 (d) A transporter may deliver cannabis between cannabis
1043 establishments, research programs and cannabis testing laboratories
1044 and shall not store or maintain control of cannabis for more than twenty-
1045 four hours from the time the transporter obtains the cannabis from a
1046 cannabis establishment, research program or cannabis testing

1047 laboratory until the time such cannabis is delivered to the destination.

1048 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
1049 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding
1050 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to
1051 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and
1052 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue
1053 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section that
1054 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all
1055 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site, and
1056 submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for
1057 posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the
1058 effective date of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure
1059 shall no longer be effective upon the earlier of either adoption of such
1060 policy or procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-
1061 eight months from July 1, 2021, if such final regulations have not been
1062 submitted to the legislative regulation review committee for
1063 consideration under section 4-170. The commissioner shall issue policies
1064 and procedures, and thereafter adopt final regulations, requiring that:
1065 (1) The delivery service and transporter meet certain security
1066 requirements related to the storage, handling and transport of cannabis,
1067 the vehicles employed, the conduct of employees and agents, and the
1068 documentation that shall be maintained by the delivery service,
1069 transporter and its drivers; (2) a delivery service that delivers cannabis
1070 to consumers maintain an online interface that verifies the age of
1071 consumers ordering cannabis for delivery and meets certain
1072 specifications and data security standards; and (3) a delivery service that
1073 delivers cannabis to consumers, qualifying patients or caregivers, and
1074 all employees and agents of such licensee, to verify the identity of the
1075 qualifying patient, caregiver or consumer and the age of the consumer
1076 upon delivery of cannabis to the end consumer, qualifying patient or
1077 caregiver, in a manner acceptable to the commissioner. The individual
1078 placing the cannabis order shall be the individual accepting delivery of
1079 the cannabis except, in the case of a qualifying patient, the individual

1080 accepting the delivery may be the caregiver of such qualifying patient.

1081 (f) A delivery service shall not gift or transfer cannabis at no cost to a
1082 consumer or qualifying patient or caregiver as part of a commercial
1083 transaction.

1084 (g) A delivery service that employs twelve or more individuals to
1085 deliver cannabis pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may only use
1086 individuals employed on a full-time basis, not less than thirty-five hours
1087 a week, to deliver cannabis pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.
1088 Any delivery service employees who deliver cannabis shall be
1089 registered with the department, and a delivery service shall not employ
1090 more than twenty-five such delivery employees at any given time.

1091 (h) No provision of this section shall be construed to excuse any
1092 delivery service from the requirement that such delivery service enter
1093 into a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization under
1094 section 21a-421d.

1095 (i) (1) A transporter may expand the transporter's authorized
1096 activities to include the authorized activities of a product packager if:
1097 (A) The transporter submits to the department (i) a completed license
1098 expansion application on a form and in a manner prescribed by the
1099 commissioner, and (ii) the fee prescribed in subparagraph (B) of
1100 subdivision (8) of subsection (c) of section 21a-420e, as amended by this
1101 act; and (B) the commissioner authorizes the transporter, in writing, to
1102 expand such transporter's authorized activities to include the
1103 authorized activities of a product packager.

1104 (2) A transporter that expands the transporter's authorized activities
1105 to include the authorized activities of a product packager under this
1106 subsection shall comply with all provisions of this chapter, and all
1107 regulations, policies and procedures prescribed pursuant to this
1108 chapter, concerning product packagers. In the event of a conflict
1109 between any provision of this chapter, or any regulation, policy or
1110 procedure prescribed pursuant to this chapter, concerning transporters

1111 and any such provision, regulation, policy or procedure concerning
1112 product packagers, the provision, regulation, policy or procedure
1113 imposing the more stringent public health and safety standard shall
1114 prevail.

1115 Sec. 21. Section 21a-422f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1117 (a) As used in this section, "municipality" means any town, city or
1118 borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and
1119 borough, and a district establishing a zoning commission under section
1120 7-326.

1121 (b) Any municipality may, by amendment to such municipality's
1122 zoning regulations or by local ordinance, (1) prohibit the establishment
1123 of a cannabis establishment, (2) except as provided in subsection (f) of
1124 this section, establish reasonable restrictions regarding the hours and
1125 signage within the limits of such municipality, or (3) establish
1126 restrictions on the proximity of cannabis establishments to any of the
1127 establishments listed in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 30-
1128 46. The chief zoning official of a municipality shall report, in writing,
1129 any zoning changes adopted by the municipality regarding cannabis
1130 establishments pursuant to this subsection to the Secretary of the Office
1131 of Policy and Management and to the department not later than
1132 fourteen days after the adoption of such changes.

1133 (c) Unless otherwise provided for by a municipality through its
1134 zoning regulations or ordinances, a cannabis establishment shall be
1135 zoned as if for any other similar use, other than a cannabis
1136 establishment, would be zoned.

1137 (d) Any restriction regarding hours, zoning and signage of a cannabis
1138 establishment adopted by a municipality shall not apply to an existing
1139 cannabis establishment located in such municipality if such cannabis
1140 establishment does not convert to a different license type, for a period
1141 of five years after the adoption of such prohibition or restriction.

1142 (e) For purposes of ensuring compliance with this section, a special
1143 permit or other affirmative approval shall be required for any retailer or
1144 micro-cultivator seeking to be located within a municipality. When
1145 awarding final licenses for a retailer or micro-cultivator, the Department
1146 of Consumer Protection may assume that, if an applicant for such final
1147 license has obtained zoning approval, the approval of a final license for
1148 such applicant shall not result in a violation of this section or any
1149 municipal restrictions on the number or density of cannabis
1150 establishments.

1151 (f) No retailer or hybrid retailer shall engage in any direct or indirect
1152 retail sale of cannabis (1) on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. or after six
1153 o'clock p.m., or (2) on any day other than Sunday before eight o'clock
1154 a.m. or after ten o'clock p.m.

1155 Sec. 22. Subsection (e) of section 21a-425a of the general statutes is
1156 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1157 *2025*):

1158 (e) (1) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage that is
1159 sold or offered for sale in this state shall include (A) any additive that (i)
1160 is psychotropic, or (ii) could increase the potency, toxicity or addictive
1161 properties of the infused beverage, including, but not limited to, caffeine
1162 other than caffeine naturally occurring in chocolate, or (B) total THC that
1163 exceeds three milligrams per container.

1164 (2) (A) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, each] Each lot of an infused
1165 beverage in final form shall be tested by a cannabis testing laboratory.
1166 A statistically significant number of samples shall be collected from such
1167 lot and submitted to the cannabis testing laboratory for final product
1168 testing in a manner approved by the Department of Consumer
1169 Protection. Such sampling and final product testing shall be conducted
1170 by using a representative sample of such lot and by collecting a
1171 minimum number of sample increments relative to the size of such lot.

1172 (B) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage shall be

1173 sold or offered for sale in this state unless the infused beverage meets (i)
1174 the laboratory testing standards for cannabis established in, and any
1175 regulations, policies and procedures adopted or issued pursuant to,
1176 section 21a-421j, as amended by this act, or (ii) such other testing
1177 standards as may be approved by the Department of Consumer
1178 Protection and posted on the department's Internet web site.

1179 (3) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage sold or
1180 offered for sale in this state shall be packaged, labeled or advertised in
1181 any manner that is likely to mislead an individual by incorporating any
1182 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other
1183 depiction that:

1184 (A) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or characteristic
1185 packaging of (i) cannabis offered for sale (I) in this state by a cannabis
1186 establishment licensed in this state, or (II) on tribal land by a tribal-
1187 credentialed cannabis entity, or (ii) a commercially available product
1188 other than a cannabis product; or

1189 (B) Appeals to individuals who are younger than twenty-one years of
1190 age by, among other things, (i) making use of any spokesperson or
1191 celebrity who appeals to such individuals, (ii) depicting any individual
1192 who is younger than twenty-five years of age consuming cannabis or an
1193 infused beverage, (iii) including any object, such as a toy, character or
1194 cartoon character, which suggests the presence of any individual who is
1195 younger than twenty-one years of age, or (iv) making use of any other
1196 method that is designed to appeal to any individual who is younger
1197 than twenty-one years of age.

1198 (4) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, each] Each infused beverage
1199 container sold or offered for sale in this state shall prominently display
1200 (A) a symbol [, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch
1201 and in a format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,
1202 that indicates] in accordance with American Society of Testing and
1203 Materials or "ASTM" standard D8441/D8441M-22, and (B) a label

1204 indicating that such infused beverage is not legal or safe for individuals
1205 younger than twenty-one years of age.

1206 Sec. 23. Section 12-287 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1207 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1208 (a) Each person engaging in, or intending to engage in, the business
1209 of selling cigarettes in this state as a dealer, and each person engaging
1210 in or intending to engage in, the business of selling taxed tobacco
1211 products at retail, shall secure a dealer's license from the Commissioner
1212 of Revenue Services before engaging in such business or continuing to
1213 engage therein. The department shall not issue an initial license to an
1214 applicant until such applicant has complied with the provisions of
1215 subsection (b) of this section. Subject to the provisions of section 12-286,
1216 such license shall be renewable annually, provided that prior to renewal
1217 the commissioner shall consider and respond to any comments received
1218 pursuant to section 12-287a, as amended by this act.

1219 (b) (1) Upon filing an application, an applicant shall, in a form and
1220 manner prescribed by the department, give notice of such application to
1221 the clerk of the municipality where the business is to be located. Such
1222 notice shall contain the name and residential address of the applicant
1223 and the location of the place of business for which such license is to be
1224 issued. Upon receipt of such notice, the clerk shall post and maintain
1225 such notice on the Internet web site of the municipality for at least two
1226 weeks.

1227 (2) Not later than the day following the date an applicant provides
1228 notice pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the applicant shall
1229 affix a copy of such notice, which shall be maintained in a legible
1230 condition, upon the outer door of the building wherein such place of
1231 business is to be located. If an application is filed for a license for a
1232 building that has not yet been constructed, the applicant shall, not later
1233 than the day following the date an applicant provides notice pursuant
1234 to subdivision (1) of this subsection, erect and maintain in a legible

1235 condition on the site where the business is to be located, a sign that (A)
1236 is not less than six feet by four feet, (B) contains the license applied for
1237 and the name of the proposed licensee, and (C) is clearly visible from
1238 the public highway.

1239 (3) An applicant shall make a return to the department, under oath,
1240 of compliance with the requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
1241 subsection, in such form as the department may require. The
1242 department may require additional proof of compliance. Upon receipt
1243 of sufficient evidence of such compliance, the department [may] shall
1244 hold a hearing as to the suitability of the proposed location.

1245 (c) (1) Any ten persons who are at least eighteen years of age and who
1246 are residents of the town in which the place of business is intended to
1247 be operated under the license or renewal applied for, may file with the
1248 department, not later than three weeks after the last date of the posting
1249 of notice pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section for
1250 an initial license, and, in the case of renewal of an existing license, at
1251 least twenty-one days before the renewal date of such license, a
1252 remonstrance containing any objection to the suitability of such
1253 applicant or proposed place of business. [provided any such issue is
1254 not controlled by local zoning.] Upon the filing of such remonstrance,
1255 the department, upon written application, shall hold a hearing and
1256 provide such notice as it deems reasonable of the time and place at least
1257 five days before such hearing. The remonstrants shall designate one or
1258 more agents for service, who shall serve as the recipient or recipients of
1259 all notices issued by the department. At any time prior to the issuance
1260 of a decision by the department, a remonstrance may be withdrawn by
1261 the remonstrants or by such agent or agents acting on behalf of such
1262 remonstrants and the department may cancel the hearing or withdraw
1263 the case. The decision of the department on such application shall be
1264 final with respect to the remonstrance.

1265 (2) Any ten persons who have filed a remonstrance pursuant to the
1266 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection and who are aggrieved

1267 by the granting of a license by the department may appeal therefrom in
1268 accordance with section 4-183.

1269 (d) The annual fee for a dealer's license shall be two hundred dollars.
1270 Such license shall be valid for a period beginning with the date of license
1271 to the thirtieth day of September next succeeding the date of license
1272 unless sooner revoked as provided in section 12-295, or unless the
1273 person to whom it was issued discontinues business, in either of which
1274 cases the holder of the license shall immediately return it to the
1275 commissioner. In the event of mutilation or destruction of such license,
1276 a duplicate copy, marked as such, shall be issued by said commissioner
1277 upon an application accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars.

1278 (e) No dealer shall sell any cigarette or taxed tobacco product in this
1279 state at retail (1) on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. or after six o'clock
1280 p.m., or (2) on any day other than Sunday before eight o'clock a.m. or
1281 after ten o'clock p.m.

1282 Sec. 24. Section 12-287a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1283 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1284 A municipality may adopt an ordinance requiring that each person
1285 who files an application to renew a license pursuant to section 12-287,
1286 as amended by this act, shall simultaneously give written notice of such
1287 renewal application to the chief law enforcement official, or such chief
1288 law enforcement official's designee, of the town in which any place of
1289 business to be operated under such license is located. Such chief law
1290 enforcement official, or such chief law enforcement official's designee,
1291 [may] shall respond in writing, not later than fifteen days after receipt
1292 of such notice, to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, with
1293 comments regarding the renewal application that is the subject of such
1294 notice. [The] Prior to approving or denying such application, the
1295 commissioner shall (1) consider any written comments offered by such
1296 chief law enforcement official, or such chief law enforcement official's
1297 designee, [prior to approving such application] and (2) send a written

1298 response to such chief law enforcement official, or such chief law
1299 enforcement official's designee, providing a detailed response to such
1300 written comments.

1301 Sec. 25. Section 21a-415 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1302 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1303 (a) As used in this chapter and section 53-344:

1304 (1) "Authorized owner" means the owner or authorized designee of a
1305 business entity that is applying for a registration or is registered with
1306 the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to this chapter;

1307 (2) "Business entity" means any corporation, limited liability
1308 company, association, partnership, sole proprietorship, government,
1309 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust or any
1310 other legal entity;

1311 (3) "Dealer registration" means an electronic nicotine delivery system
1312 certificate of dealer registration issued by the Commissioner of
1313 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section;

1314 (4) "Manufacturer registration" means an electronic nicotine delivery
1315 system certificate of manufacturer registration issued by the
1316 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-415a to
1317 any person who mixes, compounds, repackages or resizes any nicotine-
1318 containing electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product;

1319 (5) "Electronic cigarette liquid" means a liquid that, when used in an
1320 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product, produces a vapor
1321 that may or may not include nicotine and is inhaled by the user of such
1322 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product;

1323 (6) "Electronic nicotine delivery system" means an electronic device
1324 used in the delivery of nicotine or other substances to a person inhaling
1325 from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic
1326 cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or

1327 electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other
1328 component of such device, including, but not limited to, electronic
1329 cigarette liquid;

1330 (7) "Vapor product" means any product that employs a heating
1331 element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or
1332 mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that
1333 may include nicotine and is inhaled by the user of such product. "Vapor
1334 product" does not include a medicinal or therapeutic product that is (A)
1335 used by a licensed health care provider to treat a patient in a health care
1336 setting, (B) used by a patient, as prescribed or directed by a licensed
1337 health care provider in any setting, or (C) any drug or device, as defined
1338 in the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 321, as amended
1339 from time to time, any combination product, as described in said act, 21
1340 USC 353(g), as amended from time to time, or any biological product, as
1341 described in 42 USC 262, as amended from time to time, and 21 CFR
1342 600.3, as amended from time to time, authorized for sale by the United
1343 States Food and Drug Administration;

1344 (8) "Sale" or "sell" means an act done intentionally by any person,
1345 whether done as principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee, of
1346 transferring, or offering or attempting to transfer, for consideration,
1347 including bartering or exchanging, or offering to barter or exchange; and

1348 (9) "Deliver" or "delivering" means an act done intentionally by any
1349 person, whether as principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee, of
1350 transferring, or offering or attempting to transfer, physical possession
1351 or control of an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product.

1352 (b) No person in this state may sell, offer for sale or possess with
1353 intent to sell an electronic nicotine delivery system or a vapor product
1354 unless such person is employed by, an agent of or directly affiliated with
1355 a business entity that maintains a dealer registration issued by the
1356 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section. A
1357 separate dealer registration shall be required for each place of business

1358 where such system or product is sold, offered for sale or possessed with
1359 the intent to sell. A dealer registration shall allow the sale of electronic
1360 nicotine delivery systems or vapor products at such place of business. A
1361 holder of a dealer registration shall post such registration in a prominent
1362 location adjacent to electronic nicotine delivery system products or
1363 vapor products offered for sale.

1364 (c) (1) Any applicant for a dealer registration or a renewal of a dealer
1365 registration shall apply to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a
1366 form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
1367 Protection, which application shall include, at a minimum, the name,
1368 address and electronic mail address of the applicant, the location of the
1369 business entity that is to be operated under such dealer registration, the
1370 name of an authorized owner and such authorized owner's contact
1371 information, the name of a manager or supervisor who is or will be
1372 physically present at the applicant's location or proposed location, and
1373 a certification that an authorized owner or named designee of the
1374 applicant has successfully completed the online prevention education
1375 program administered by the Department of Mental Health and
1376 Addiction Services pursuant to section 17a-719. The Department of
1377 Consumer Protection: (A) May require that an applicant submit
1378 documents sufficient to establish that state and local building, fire and
1379 zoning requirements will be met at the location of any sale; (B) may, in
1380 the department's discretion, conduct an investigation to determine
1381 whether a dealer registration shall be issued to an applicant; and (C)
1382 shall not issue a dealer registration or a renewal of a dealer registration
1383 to an applicant unless the applicant certifies that an authorized owner
1384 or named designee of the applicant has successfully completed the
1385 online prevention education program administered by the Department
1386 of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to section 17a-719.

1387 (2) The commissioner shall issue a dealer registration to any such
1388 applicant not later than thirty days after the date of application unless
1389 the commissioner finds: (A) The applicant has wilfully made a
1390 materially false statement in such application or in any other application

1391 made to the commissioner; (B) the applicant has neglected to pay any
1392 taxes due to this state; or (C) the authorized owner or named designee
1393 of the applicant has not successfully completed the online prevention
1394 education program administered by the Department of Mental Health
1395 and Addiction Services pursuant to section 17a-719.

1396 (3) A dealer registration issued under this section shall be renewed
1397 annually and may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of the
1398 Department of Consumer Protection. Any applicant or business entity
1399 aggrieved by a denial of an application, refusal to renew a dealer
1400 registration or suspension or revocation of a dealer registration may
1401 appeal in the manner prescribed for permits under section 30-55. A
1402 dealer registration shall not constitute property, nor shall it be subject to
1403 attachment and execution, nor shall it be alienable.

1404 (4) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable
1405 application fee of seventy-five dollars, which fee shall be in addition to
1406 the annual fee prescribed in subsection (d) of this section. An application
1407 fee shall not be charged for an application to renew a dealer registration.

1408 (d) The annual fee for a dealer registration shall be eight hundred
1409 dollars, except that the annual fee shall be four hundred dollars for any
1410 person holding a dealer registration who also holds any additional
1411 dealer registrations issued by the department under this chapter.

1412 (e) The department may renew a dealer registration issued under this
1413 section that has expired if the applicant pays to the department any late
1414 fee imposed by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (c) of section
1415 21a-4, which late fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in this
1416 section for the dealer registration applied for. The provisions of this
1417 subsection shall not apply to any dealer registration which is the subject
1418 of administrative or court proceedings.

1419 (f) No person that maintains a dealer registration issued by the
1420 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section shall
1421 deliver any electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product at retail

1422 (1) on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. or after six o'clock p.m., or (2) on
 1423 any day other than Sunday before eight o'clock a.m. or after ten o'clock
 1424 p.m.

1425 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) (1) Any business entity in the state that sells, offers for sale or
 1426 possesses with intent to sell an electronic nicotine delivery system or
 1427 vapor product without a dealer registration as required under this
 1428 section, or delivers any electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor
 1429 product at retail outside of the hours established in subsection (f) of this
 1430 section, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars for each day of such
 1431 violation, except that the commissioner may waive all or any part of
 1432 such fine if it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure
 1433 to obtain or renew such dealer registration was due to reasonable cause.

1434 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
 1435 subsection, any business entity with a dealer registration that has
 1436 expired for a period of ninety calendar days or less and that, during such
 1437 ninety-day period, sells, offers for sale or possesses with intent to sell an
 1438 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product shall have
 1439 committed an infraction and shall be fined ninety dollars for each day
 1440 such business entity is in violation of the provisions of this subdivision.

1441 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
 1442 subsection, no penalty shall be imposed under this subsection for failure
 1443 to maintain a dealer registration unless the commissioner sends written
 1444 notice of any violation to the authorized owner of the business entity is
 1445 subject to a penalty under subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection and
 1446 allows such business entity sixty days from the date such notice was
 1447 sent to cease such violation and comply with the requirements of this
 1448 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	30-17

Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	21a-420g(b)
Sec. 4	from passage	21a-420g(j)
Sec. 5	from passage	21a-420m(g)
Sec. 6	from passage	21a-420u(g)
Sec. 7	October 1, 2025	21a-421j
Sec. 8	from passage	21a-421l
Sec. 9	from passage	22-61m(x)
Sec. 10	from passage	21a-420(1)
Sec. 11	from passage	New section
Sec. 12	from passage	New section
Sec. 13	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 14	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 15	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 16	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 17	January 1, 2026, and applicable to income and taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 18	July 1, 2025	21a-420p(f)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2025	21a-420e(c)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2025	21a-420z
Sec. 21	July 1, 2025	21a-422f
Sec. 22	July 1, 2025	21a-425a(e)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2025	12-287
Sec. 24	July 1, 2025	12-287a
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) authorize infused beverage manufacturers to manufacture for sale in other markets beverages that exceed the THC cap, (2) authorize liquor wholesaler permittees to exclusively sell infused beverages, (3) extend the term of certain cannabis licenses, (4) extend the period within which certain cannabis licensees must create equity joint ventures to pay a reduced conversion fee, (5) cap the THC content of prefilled cartridges, (6) allow cannabis licensees to refrain from reporting the diversion, theft or loss of cannabis in certain circumstances, (7) modify the labeling requirements for certain manufacturer hemp products, (8) expand the area within which certain cultivation facilities may be located, (9) establish a "cannabis employee support account", (10) enable certain social equity applicants to apply for additional licenses, (11) establish

various hemp incentives and a hemp tax credit, (12) expand the authorized activities of micro-cultivators, (13) authorize transporter licensees to expand their authorized activities, (14) modify infused beverage labeling requirements, (15) restrict the hours during which cannabis, cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products may be sold at retail, and (16) modify the remonstrance and municipal notification processes applicable to cigarette dealers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]