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(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF THE STATE'S  
CANNABIS, HEMP AND TOBACCO LAWS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of section 21a-420 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2025*):

4 (1) "Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis  
5 Act" or "RERACA" means this section, sections 2-56j, 7-294kk, 7-294ll,  
6 12-330ll to 12-330nn, inclusive, 14-227p, 21a-278b, 21a-278c, 21a-279c,  
7 21a-279d, 21a-420a to 21a-420j, inclusive, 21a-420l to 21a-421r, inclusive,  
8 21a-421aa to 21a-421ff, inclusive, 21a-421aaa to 21a-421hhh, inclusive, as  
9 amended by this act, 21a-422 to 21a-422c, inclusive, 21a-422e to 21a-  
10 422g, inclusive, 21a-422j to 21a-422s, inclusive, 22-61n, 23-4b, 47a-9a, 53-  
11 247a, 53a-213a, 53a-213b, 54-33p, 54-56q, 54-56r, 54-125k and 54-142u,  
12 sections 23, 60, 63 to 65, inclusive, 124, 144 and 165 of public act 21-1 of  
13 the June special session, and the amendments in public act 21-1 of the  
14 June special session to sections 7-148, 10-221, 12-30a, 12-35b, 12-412, 12-  
15 650, 12-704d, 14-44k, 14-111e, 14-227a to 14-227c, inclusive, 14-227j, 15-

16 140q, 15-140r, 18-100h, 19a-342, 19a-342a, 21a-267, 21a-277, 21a-279, 21a-  
17 279a, 21a-408 to 21a-408f, inclusive, 21a-408h to 21a-408p, inclusive, 21a-  
18 408r to 21a-408w, inclusive, 21a-420aa, 21a-421s, 30-89a, 31-40q, 32-39,  
19 46b-120, 51-164n, 53-394, 53a-39c, 54-1m, 54-33g, 54-41b, 54-56e, 54-56g,  
20 54-56i, 54-56k, 54-56n, 54-63d, 54-66a and 54-142e, section 20 of public  
21 act 23-79 and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act;

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) There shall be within the  
23 Department of Consumer Protection a state-wide cannabis and hemp  
24 enforcement task force for the effective and cooperative enforcement of  
25 the laws of this state concerning the cultivation, manufacturing,  
26 distribution, transportation, display, purchase, sale, dispensing,  
27 possession and use of (1) cannabis and cannabis products, as such terms  
28 are defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this  
29 act, (2) infused beverages, as defined in section 21a-425 of the general  
30 statutes, (3) hemp and hemp products, as such terms are defined in  
31 section 22-61l of the general statutes, and (4) moderate-THC hemp  
32 products, as defined in section 21a-426 of the general statutes.

33 (b) The state-wide cannabis and hemp enforcement task force shall  
34 be authorized to conduct any investigation authorized by this section at  
35 any place within the state as may be deemed necessary.

36 (c) The state-wide cannabis and hemp enforcement task force may  
37 request and receive from any federal, state or local agency cooperation  
38 and assistance in the performance of its duties, including, but not  
39 limited to, the temporary assignment of such personnel as may be  
40 necessary for the task force to perform its functions.

41 (d) The state-wide cannabis and hemp enforcement task force may  
42 enter into mutual assistance and cooperation agreements with other  
43 states pertaining to cannabis, cannabis product, infused beverage,  
44 hemp, hemp product and moderate-THC hemp product law  
45 enforcement matters extending across state boundaries, and may  
46 consult and exchange information and personnel with agencies of other

47 states with reference to cannabis, cannabis product, infused beverage,  
48 hemp, hemp product and moderate-THC hemp product law  
49 enforcement problems of mutual concern.

50 (e) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, within available  
51 appropriations, appoint a director and such other personnel as the  
52 commissioner deems necessary for the duties of the state-wide cannabis  
53 and hemp enforcement task force.

54 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Upon request by the state-  
55 wide cannabis and hemp enforcement task force established under  
56 section 2 of this act, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
57 Protection may from time to time select such number of police personnel  
58 of any municipality of the state to act temporarily as special state police  
59 officers to carry out the duties of the task force as the Commissioner of  
60 Emergency Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the task  
61 force, deems necessary. Such municipal police personnel shall be  
62 appointed from a list of municipal police personnel recommended to the  
63 State-Wide Cannabis and Hemp Enforcement Task Force Policy Board,  
64 established under section 5 of this act, by the chiefs of police of the  
65 municipalities and approved by the board.

66 (b) Each municipality shall be responsible for fully compensating the  
67 municipal police personnel temporarily assigned to the state-wide  
68 cannabis and hemp enforcement task force, and such compensation  
69 shall be payable to such assigned municipal police personnel while on  
70 duty with the task force.

71 (c) For purposes of indemnification of such municipal police  
72 personnel and municipalities against any losses, damages or liabilities  
73 arising out of the service and activities of the state-wide cannabis and  
74 hemp enforcement task force, municipal police personnel while  
75 assigned to, and performing the duties of, the task force shall be deemed  
76 to be acting as employees of the state.

77 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Any municipal police officer,

78 while assigned to duty with the state-wide cannabis and hemp  
79 enforcement task force established under section 2 of this act and  
80 working at the direction of the Commissioner of Emergency Services  
81 and Public Protection or the director of the task force, shall, when acting  
82 within the scope of his or her authority, have the same powers, duties,  
83 privileges and immunities as are conferred upon him or her as a state  
84 police officer.

85       Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) There shall be a State-Wide  
86 Cannabis and Hemp Enforcement Task Force Policy Board, within the  
87 Department of Consumer Protection for administrative purposes only,  
88 consisting of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the  
89 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the  
90 Commissioner of Revenue Services, the Attorney General and the Chief  
91 State's Attorney.

92       (b) The policy board shall direct and supervise the formulation of  
93 policies and operating procedures, and coordinate the activities, of the  
94 state-wide cannabis and hemp enforcement task force established under  
95 section 2 of this act with law enforcement agencies within and without  
96 the state.

97       (c) The policy board may apply for, and shall administer, any federal,  
98 state, local or private appropriations or grant funds made available for  
99 the operation of the task force.

100       Sec. 6. Subdivision (6) of section 54-41a of the general statutes is  
101 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
102 *2025*):

103       (6) "Investigative officer" means (A) any officer of the Connecticut  
104 state police, (B) the chief inspector or any inspector in the Division of  
105 Criminal Justice who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of  
106 or to make arrests for offenses enumerated in this chapter, (C) any  
107 municipal police officer who (i) has been duly sworn as a special state  
108 police officer under the provisions of section 29-177 or section 3 of this

109 act, [and who] (ii) is currently assigned to the state-wide narcotics task  
110 force, [or] the state-wide organized crime investigative task force or the  
111 state-wide cannabis and hemp enforcement task force, and (iii) is acting  
112 under the direct authority of the Connecticut state police, and (D) any  
113 attorney authorized by law to prosecute or participate in the  
114 prosecution of offenses enumerated in this chapter;

115       Sec. 7. Section 21a-420c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

117       (a) As used in this section:

118       (1) "Cigarette" has the same meaning as provided in section 4-28h;

119       (2) "Electronic cigarette liquid" has the same meaning as provided in  
120 section 21a-415, as amended by this act;

121       (3) "Electronic nicotine delivery system" has the same meaning as  
122 provided in section 21a-415, as amended by this act;

123       (4) "Immediate threat to public health and safety" includes, but is not  
124 limited to, the presence of (A) any cannabis or cannabis product in  
125 connection with a violation of this section, or (B) any cigarette, tobacco  
126 product, electronic cigarette liquid, electronic nicotine delivery system  
127 or liquid nicotine container alongside any cannabis or cannabis product;

128       (5) "Liquid nicotine container" has the same meaning as provided in  
129 section 19a-342a; and

130       (6) "Tobacco product" has the same meaning as provided in section  
131 12-330a.

132       [(a)] (b) Except as provided in RERACA and chapter 420b or 420f, (1)  
133 no person, other than a retailer, hybrid retailer, micro-cultivator or  
134 delivery service, or an employee thereof in the course of such  
135 employee's employment, may sell or offer any cannabis or cannabis  
136 product to a consumer, and (2) no person, other than a hybrid retailer,

137 dispensary facility or a delivery service, or an employee thereof in the  
138 course of such employee's employment, may sell or offer any cannabis  
139 or cannabis product to a qualifying [patients and caregivers] patient or  
140 caregiver.

141 [(b)] (c) No person except a delivery service, or an employee of a  
142 delivery service, subject to the restrictions set forth in section 21a-420z,  
143 acting in the course of such employee's employment may deliver any  
144 cannabis or cannabis product to [consumers, patients or caregivers] a  
145 consumer, qualifying patient or caregiver.

146 [(c)] (d) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be  
147 deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of  
148 section 42-110b.

149 [(d)] (e) (1) Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body,  
150 prohibit the operation of any business within such municipality that is  
151 found to be in violation of the provisions of this section or if such  
152 operation poses an immediate threat to public health and safety.

153 (2) If the chief executive officer of a municipality determines that a  
154 business within the municipality is operating in violation of the  
155 provisions of this section or poses an immediate threat to public health  
156 and safety, the chief executive officer may apply to the Superior Court  
157 for an order under subdivision (3) of this subsection and, upon making  
158 such application, submit a written copy of such application to the  
159 Attorney General.

160 (3) Upon an application under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
161 Superior Court, upon a finding that a business within the municipality  
162 is operating in violation of the provisions of this section or poses an  
163 immediate threat to public health and safety, may issue forthwith, ex  
164 parte and without a hearing, an order that shall direct the chief law  
165 enforcement officer of the municipality to take from such business  
166 possession and control of any merchandise related to such violation or  
167 immediate threat to public health and safety, which merchandise shall

168 include, but need not be limited to, (A) any cannabis or cannabis  
169 product, (B) any cigarette, tobacco, [or] tobacco product, electronic  
170 cigarette liquid, electronic nicotine delivery system or liquid nicotine  
171 container, (C) any merchandise related to the merchandise described in  
172 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision, and (D) any proceeds  
173 related to the merchandise described in subparagraphs (A) to (C),  
174 inclusive, of this subdivision.

175 (4) As used in this subsection, [(A) "cigarette" has the same meaning  
176 as provided in section 4-28h, (B) "immediate threat to public health and  
177 safety" includes, but is not limited to, the presence of (i) any cannabis or  
178 cannabis product in connection with a violation of this section, or (ii)  
179 any cigarette or tobacco product alongside any cannabis or cannabis  
180 product, and (C)] "operation" and "operating" mean engaging in the sale  
181 of, or otherwise offering for sale, goods and services to the general  
182 public, including, but not limited to, through indirect retail sales.

183 [(e)] (f) (1) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall  
184 be assessed a civil penalty of thirty thousand dollars for each violation.  
185 Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate  
186 offense.

187 (2) Any person who aids or abets any violation of the provisions of  
188 this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of thirty thousand dollars  
189 for each violation. Each day that such person aids or abets such violation  
190 shall constitute a separate offense. For the purposes of this subdivision,  
191 no person shall be deemed to have aided or abetted a violation of the  
192 provisions of this section unless (A) such person was the owner, officer,  
193 controlling shareholder or in a similar position of authority that allowed  
194 such person to make command or control decisions regarding the  
195 operations and management of another person who (i) is prohibited  
196 from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product under this  
197 section, and (ii) sold or offered any cannabis or cannabis product in  
198 violation of this section, (B) such person knew that such other person (i)  
199 is prohibited from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product

200 under this section, and (ii) sold or offered any cannabis or cannabis  
201 product in violation of this section, (C) such person provided substantial  
202 assistance or encouragement in connection with the sale or offer of such  
203 cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section, and (D) such  
204 person's conduct was a substantial factor in furthering the sale or offer  
205 of such cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section.

206 (3) Any person who manages or controls a commercial property, or  
207 who manages or controls a commercial building, room, space or  
208 enclosure, in such person's capacity as an owner, lessee, agent,  
209 employee or mortgagor, who knowingly leases, rents or makes such  
210 property, building, room, space or enclosure available for use, with or  
211 without compensation, for the purpose of any sale or offer of any  
212 cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section shall be  
213 assessed a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars for each violation. Each  
214 day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

215 (4) No person other than the Attorney General, upon complaint of the  
216 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or a municipality in which the  
217 violation of this section occurred shall assess any civil penalty under this  
218 subsection or institute a civil action to recover any civil penalty imposed  
219 under this subsection. If a municipality institutes a civil action to recover  
220 any civil penalty imposed under this subsection, such penalty shall be  
221 paid [first] to the municipality. [to reimburse such municipality for the  
222 costs incurred in instituting such action. One-half of the remainder, if  
223 any, shall be payable to the treasurer of such municipality and one-half  
224 of such remainder shall be payable to the Treasurer and deposited in the  
225 General Fund.]

226 [(f)] (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the  
227 imposition of any criminal penalty on any person who (1) is prohibited  
228 from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product under this  
229 section, and (2) sells or offers any cannabis or cannabis product in  
230 violation of this section.



231       Sec. 8. Subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 21a-420p of the  
232       general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
233       thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

234       (f) (1) Subject to the requirements of this subsection and subsection  
235       [(b)] (c) of section 21a-420c, as amended by this act, a micro-cultivator  
236       may sell its own cannabis, including, but not limited to, its own cannabis  
237       seedlings, to consumers, excluding qualifying patients and caregivers,  
238       through a delivery service. No cannabis establishment other than a  
239       micro-cultivator shall sell cannabis seedlings to consumers, and no  
240       cannabis establishment other than a delivery service shall deliver  
241       cannabis seedlings sold by a micro-cultivator to consumers.

242       Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420r of the general statutes is  
243       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
244       *1, 2025*):

245       (d) A retailer may deliver cannabis through a delivery service or by  
246       utilizing its own employees, subject to the provisions of subsection [(b)]  
247       (c) of section 21a-420c, as amended by this act.

248       Sec. 10. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 21a-420t of the general  
249       statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
250       (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

251       (d) On and after September 1, 2021, a dispensary facility or hybrid  
252       retailer may apply to the department, in a form and in a manner  
253       prescribed by the commissioner, to provide delivery services through a  
254       delivery service or utilizing its own employees, subject to the provisions  
255       of subsection [(b)] (c) of section 21a-420c, as amended by this act, to  
256       qualifying patients, caregivers, research program subjects, as defined in  
257       section 21a-408, and hospice and other inpatient care facilities licensed  
258       by the Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that have  
259       a protocol for the handling and distribution of cannabis that has been  
260       approved by the Department of Consumer Protection. A dispensary  
261       facility or hybrid retailer may deliver cannabis or medical marijuana

262 products only from its own inventory to qualifying patients and  
263 caregivers. If such application is approved by the commissioner, the  
264 dispensary facility or hybrid retailer may commence delivery services  
265 on and after January 1, 2022, provided the commissioner may authorize  
266 dispensary facilities or hybrid retailers to commence delivery services  
267 prior to January 1, 2022, upon forty-five days advance written notice,  
268 published on the department's Internet web site.

269 (e) Hybrid retailers may commence delivery of cannabis directly to  
270 consumers as of the date the first adult use cannabis sales are permitted  
271 by the commissioner as set forth in subsection (f) of this section, through  
272 a delivery service, or utilizing their own employees, subject to the  
273 provisions of subsection [(b)] (c) of section 21a-420c, as amended by this  
274 act.

275 Sec. 11. Section 12-285c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
276 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

277 (a) No person engaged in the business of selling cigarettes or tobacco  
278 products shall ship or transport, or cause to be shipped or transported,  
279 any cigarettes or tobacco products to any person in this state except to:  
280 (1) A cigarette distributor or dealer; (2) an export warehouse proprietor  
281 pursuant to Chapter 52 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
282 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
283 as amended from time to time, or an operator of a customs bonded  
284 warehouse pursuant to 19 USC 1311 or 1555; or (3) a person who is an  
285 officer, employee or agent of the United States [Government]  
286 government, this state or a department, agency, instrumentality or  
287 political subdivision of the United States or of this state, when such  
288 person is acting in accordance with such person's official duties.  
289 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-15, the Commissioner of  
290 Revenue Services shall publish on the Internet web site of the  
291 Department of Revenue Services a list of every cigarette distributor or  
292 dealer. As used in this subsection, "cigarette distributor or dealer" means  
293 a person licensed as a cigarette distributor under section 12-288 or

294 licensed as a dealer under section 12-287 or a person whose name  
295 appears on a list of licensed distributors and dealers published by the  
296 Commissioner of Revenue Services.

297 (b) No common or contract carrier shall knowingly transport  
298 cigarettes or tobacco products to a residential dwelling or to any person  
299 in this state who the common or contract carrier reasonably believes is  
300 not a person described in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of subsection  
301 (a) of this section. No person other than a common or contract carrier  
302 shall knowingly transport cigarettes or tobacco products to any person  
303 in this state who is not a person described in subdivisions (1) to (3),  
304 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

305 (c) When a person engaged in the business of selling cigarettes or  
306 tobacco products ships or transports, or causes to be shipped or  
307 transported, any cigarettes or tobacco products to any described person  
308 in this state, other than in the cigarette or tobacco product  
309 manufacturer's original container or wrapping, the container or  
310 wrapping shall be plainly and visibly marked with the word "cigarettes"  
311 or the words "tobacco products", as applicable. Any person engaged in  
312 the business of selling cigarettes or tobacco products who ships or  
313 causes to be shipped any cigarettes or tobacco products to any described  
314 person in this state (1) shall require, as a condition of delivery, the  
315 customer who is receiving the cigarettes or tobacco products to sign an  
316 acknowledgment of receipt and provide proper proof of age, and (2)  
317 may not sell such cigarettes or tobacco products to such customer unless  
318 such proof of age is provided. For purposes of this subsection,  
319 "described person" means a person described in subdivisions (1) to (3),  
320 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

321 (d) Whenever any cigarettes or tobacco products have been or are  
322 being shipped or transported in violation of this section, such cigarettes  
323 or tobacco products are declared to be contraband goods and the  
324 confiscation, search and forfeiture provisions of section 12-305 shall  
325 apply.

326 (e) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
327 guilty of a class A misdemeanor and, for a second or subsequent  
328 violation, shall be guilty of a class C felony.

329 (f) The Commissioner of Revenue Services may impose a civil penalty  
330 of not more than ten thousand dollars for each violation of this section.  
331 For purposes of this subsection, each shipment or transport of cigarettes  
332 or tobacco products shall constitute a separate violation. The Attorney  
333 General, upon request of the commissioner, may bring an action in the  
334 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to collect such civil  
335 penalty and for any injunctive or equitable relief. In any action brought  
336 by the Attorney General to enforce the provisions of section 12-285b or  
337 this section, the state shall be entitled to recover, when [it] the state is  
338 the prevailing party, the costs of investigation, expert witness fees, costs  
339 of the action [,] and reasonable attorneys' fees.

340 (g) A violation of this section shall be an unfair or deceptive act or  
341 practice pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110b.

342 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 21a-415 of the general statutes is  
343 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
344 *1, 2025*):

345 (a) As used in this chapter, section 13 of this act and section 53-344:

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

349 (2) "Business entity" means any corporation, limited liability  
350 company, association, partnership, sole proprietorship, government,  
351 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust or any  
352 other legal entity;

353 (3) "Dealer registration" means an electronic nicotine delivery system  
354 certificate of dealer registration issued by the Commissioner of

355 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section;

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

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

365 (6) "Electronic nicotine delivery system" means an electronic device  
366 used in the delivery of nicotine or other substances to a person inhaling  
367 from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic  
368 cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or  
369 electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other  
370 component of such device, including, but not limited to, electronic  
371 cigarette liquid;

372 (7) "Vapor product" means any product that employs a heating  
373 element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or  
374 mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that  
375 may include nicotine and is inhaled by the user of such product. "Vapor  
376 product" does not include a medicinal or therapeutic product that is (A)  
377 used by a licensed health care provider to treat a patient in a health care  
378 setting, (B) used by a patient, as prescribed or directed by a licensed  
379 health care provider in any setting, or (C) any drug or device, as defined  
380 in the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 321, as amended  
381 from time to time, any combination product, as described in said act, 21  
382 USC 353(g), as amended from time to time, or any biological product, as  
383 described in 42 USC 262, as amended from time to time, and 21 CFR  
384 600.3, as amended from time to time, authorized for sale by the United  
385 States Food and Drug Administration;

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

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

394 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) No person engaged in the  
395 business of shipping or transporting electronic nicotine delivery  
396 systems or vapor products shall ship or transport, or cause to be shipped  
397 or transported, any electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product  
398 to any person in this state except to (1) a person who holds a dealer  
399 registration or a manufacturer registration, or (2) a person who is an  
400 officer, employee or agent of the United States government, this state or  
401 a department, agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of the  
402 United States or of this state, when such person is acting in accordance  
403 with such person's official duties. The Commissioner of Consumer  
404 Protection shall publish, on the Department of Consumer Protection's  
405 Internet web site, a list of each person who holds a dealer registration or  
406 a manufacturer registration.

407 (b) No common or contract carrier shall knowingly transport any  
408 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product to a residential  
409 dwelling or to any person in this state who the common or contract  
410 carrier reasonably believes is not a person described in subdivision (1)  
411 or (2) of subsection (a) of this section. No person other than a common  
412 or contract carrier shall knowingly transport any electronic nicotine  
413 delivery system or vapor product to any person in this state who is not  
414 a person described in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this  
415 section.

416 (c) When a person engaged in the business of selling or delivering

417 electronic nicotine delivery systems or vapor products ships or  
418 transports, or causes to be shipped or transported, any electronic  
419 nicotine delivery system or vapor product to any person described in  
420 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section, other than in the  
421 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product manufacturer's  
422 original container or wrapping, the container or wrapping shall be  
423 plainly and visibly marked with the words "electronic nicotine delivery  
424 system" or "vapor product", as applicable. Any person engaged in the  
425 business of selling or delivering electronic nicotine delivery systems or  
426 vapor products who ships, or causes to be shipped, any electronic  
427 nicotine delivery system or vapor product to any person described in  
428 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section (1) shall require, as  
429 a condition of such sale or delivery, such person to sign an  
430 acknowledgment of receipt and provide proper proof of age, and (2)  
431 may not sell or deliver such electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor  
432 product to such person unless such person provides proper proof of age.

433 (d) Any electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product shipped  
434 or transported in violation of this section is a common nuisance and is  
435 subject to immediate seizure by the Commissioner of Consumer  
436 Protection, any agent or employee of the commissioner authorized to  
437 make such seizure or any peace officer of this state whom the  
438 commissioner has directed to make such seizure. The commissioner or  
439 such agent, employee or peace officer shall hold such electronic nicotine  
440 delivery system or vapor product subject to confiscation and destruction  
441 by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. All costs of such seizure,  
442 confiscation and destruction shall be borne by the shipper or  
443 transporter.

444 (e) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
445 guilty of a class B misdemeanor and, for a second or subsequent  
446 violation, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

447 (f) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose a civil  
448 penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars for each violation of this

449 section. For purposes of this subsection, each shipment or transport of  
450 electronic nicotine delivery systems or vapor products shall constitute a  
451 separate violation. The Attorney General, upon request of the  
452 commissioner, may bring an action in the superior court for the judicial  
453 district of Hartford to collect such civil penalty and for any injunctive or  
454 equitable relief. In any action brought by the Attorney General to  
455 enforce the provisions of this section, the state shall be entitled to  
456 recover, when the state is the prevailing party, the costs of investigation,  
457 expert witness fees, costs of the action and reasonable attorneys' fees.

458 (g) A violation of this section shall be an unfair or deceptive act or  
459 practice pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general  
460 statutes.

461 Sec. 14. Section 21a-421aaa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
462 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

463 Any cannabis establishment licensee or any servant or agent of a  
464 licensee who sells or delivers cannabis or cannabis paraphernalia to any  
465 person under twenty-one years of age shall be guilty of a class [A  
466 misdemeanor] E felony. For purposes of this section, "paraphernalia"  
467 has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420, as amended by  
468 this act.

469 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) Any cannabis establishment  
470 licensee or any servant or agent of a licensee who sells or delivers any  
471 synthetic cannabinoid to any person shall be guilty of a class E felony.  
472 For purposes of this section, "synthetic cannabinoid" has the same  
473 meaning as provided in section 21a-240 of the general statutes.

474 Sec. 16. Section 21a-418 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
475 *October 1, 2025*)

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	21a-420(1)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	54-41a(6)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-420c
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-420p(f)(1)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-420r(d)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-420t(d) and (e)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	12-285c
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-415(a)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-421aaa
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	Repealer section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To (1) establish a state-wide cannabis and hemp enforcement task force, (2) require a municipality to submit a copy of an application for a court order to the Attorney General, (3) authorize seizures of additional merchandise, (4) redirect funds derived from certain civil penalties to municipalities, (5) prohibit conduct concerning the shipment and transportation of tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products, (6) establish penalties concerning the unlawful shipment and transportation of cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products, and (7) provide that a cannabis establishment licensee, or any servant or agent thereof, shall be guilty of a class E felony if such person sells or delivers (A) any cannabis or cannabis paraphernalia to any person younger than twenty-one years of age, or (B) any synthetic cannabinoid to any person.

***[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.]***