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"AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABINOIDS, HEMP AND HEMP PRODUCTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subdivisions (29) to (62), inclusive, of section 21a-240 of
4 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

6 (29) "Marijuana" means all parts of any plant, or species of the genus
7 cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof, whether growing or not; the
8 resin extracted from any part of the plant; every compound,
9 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such plant, or
10 its resin; any high-THC hemp product; manufactured cannabinoids; or
11 cannabimon, cannabimol or cannabidiol and chemical compounds which
12 are similar to cannabimon, cannabimol or cannabidiol in chemical
13 structure or which are similar thereto in physiological effect, which are
14 controlled substances under this chapter, except cannabidiol derived
15 from hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, as amended by this act, that is

16 not a high-THC hemp product. "Marijuana" does not include: (A) The
17 mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake
18 made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound, manufacture,
19 salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such mature stalks, except the
20 resin extracted from such mature stalks or fiber, oil or cake; (B) the seed
21 of such plant; (C) hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, as amended by this
22 act, (i) with a total THC concentration of not more than three-tenths per
23 cent on a dry weight basis, and (ii) that is not a high-THC hemp product;
24 (D) any substance approved by the federal Food and Drug
25 Administration or successor agency as a drug and reclassified in any
26 schedule of controlled substances or unscheduled by the federal Drug
27 Enforcement Administration or successor agency which is included in
28 the same schedule designated by the federal Drug Enforcement
29 Administration or successor agency; [or] (E) infused beverages, as
30 defined in section 21a-425; (F) any commercial extract, as defined in
31 section 22-61l, as amended by this act, provided such commercial extract
32 is manufactured, advertised, offered and sold in accordance with the
33 provisions of section 3 of this act; or (G) any out-of-state edible, as
34 defined in section 22-61l, as amended by this act, provided such out-of-
35 state edible is manufactured, advertised, offered and sold in accordance
36 with the provisions of section 4 of this act.

37 (30) "Narcotic substance" means any of the following, whether
38 produced directly or indirectly by extraction from a substance of
39 vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or
40 by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis: (A) Morphine-
41 type: (i) Opium or opiate, or any salt, compound, derivative, or
42 preparation of opium or opiate which is similar to any such substance
43 in chemical structure or which is similar to any such substance in
44 physiological effect and which shows a like potential for abuse, which
45 is a controlled substance under this chapter unless modified; (ii) any
46 salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation of any such
47 substance which is chemically equivalent or identical to any substance
48 referred to in clause (i) of this subparagraph, but not including the
49 isoquinoline alkaloids of opium; (iii) opium poppy or poppy straw; or

50 (iv) (I) fentanyl or any salt, compound, derivative or preparation of
51 fentanyl which is similar to any such substance in chemical structure or
52 which is similar to any such substance in physiological effect and which
53 shows a like potential for abuse, which is a controlled substance under
54 this chapter unless modified, or (II) any salt, compound, isomer,
55 derivative or preparation of any such substance which is chemically
56 equivalent or identical to any substance referred to in subclause (I) of
57 this clause; or (B) cocaine-type; coca leaves or any salt, compound,
58 derivative or preparation of coca leaves, or any salt, compound, isomer,
59 derivatives or preparation of any such substance which is chemically
60 equivalent or identical to any such substance or which is similar to any
61 such substance in physiological effect and which shows a like potential
62 for abuse, but not including decocainized coca leaves or extractions of
63 coca leaves which do not contain cocaine or ecgonine.

64 (31) "Nurse" means a person performing nursing as defined in section
65 20-87a.

66 (32) "Official written order" means an order for controlled substances
67 written on a form provided by the bureau for that purpose under the
68 federal Controlled Substances Act.

69 (33) "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or
70 addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of
71 conversion into a drug having addiction-forming or addiction-
72 sustaining liability; it does not include, unless specifically designated as
73 controlled under this chapter, the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-
74 n-methylmorphinan and its salts (dextro-methorphan) but shall include
75 its racemic and levorotatory forms.

76 (34) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *papaver*
77 *somniferum* L., except its seed.

78 (35) Repealed by P.A. 99-102, S. 51.

79 (36) "Other stimulant and depressant drugs" means controlled
80 substances other than amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-

81 type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenics and morphine-type which are found
82 to exert a stimulant and depressant effect upon the higher functions of
83 the central nervous system and which are found to have a potential for
84 abuse and are controlled substances under this chapter.

85 (37) "Person" includes any corporation, limited liability company,
86 association or partnership, or one or more individuals, government or
87 governmental subdivisions or agency, business trust, estate, trust, or
88 any other legal entity. Words importing the plural number may include
89 the singular; words importing the masculine gender may be applied to
90 females.

91 (38) "Pharmacist" means a person authorized by law to practice
92 pharmacy pursuant to section 20-590, 20-591, 20-592 or 20-593.

93 (39) "Pharmacy" means an establishment licensed pursuant to section
94 20-594.

95 (40) "Physician" means a person authorized by law to practice
96 medicine in this state pursuant to section 20-9.

97 (41) "Podiatrist" means a person authorized by law to practice
98 podiatry in this state.

99 (42) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium
100 poppy, after mowing.

101 (43) "Practitioner" means: (A) A physician, dentist, veterinarian,
102 podiatrist, scientific investigator or other person licensed, registered or
103 otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with
104 respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course of
105 professional practice or research in this state; and (B) a pharmacy,
106 hospital or other institution licensed, registered or otherwise permitted
107 to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer
108 a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research
109 in this state.

110 (44) "Prescribe" means order or designate a remedy or any
111 preparation containing controlled substances.

112 (45) "Prescription" means a written, oral or electronic order for any
113 controlled substance or preparation from a licensed practitioner to a
114 pharmacist for a patient.

115 (46) "Production" includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation,
116 growing or harvesting of a controlled substance.

117 (47) "Registrant" means any person licensed by this state and
118 assigned a current federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug
119 Registry Number as provided under the federal Controlled Substances
120 Act.

121 (48) "Registry number" means the alphabetical or numerical
122 designation of identification assigned to a person by the federal Drug
123 Enforcement Administration, or other federal agency, which is
124 commonly known as the federal registry number.

125 (49) "Restricted drugs or substances" are the following substances
126 without limitation and for all purposes: *Datura stramonium*;
127 *hyoscyamus niger*; *atropa belladonna*, or the alkaloids *atropine*;
128 *hyoscyamine*; *belladonnine*; *apatropine*; or any mixture of these
129 alkaloids such as *daturine*, or the synthetic *homatropine* or any salts of
130 these alkaloids, except that any drug or preparation containing any of
131 the above-mentioned substances which is permitted by federal food and
132 drug laws to be sold or dispensed without a prescription or written
133 order shall not be a controlled substance; *amyl nitrite*; the following
134 volatile substances to the extent that said chemical substances or
135 compounds containing said chemical substances are sold, prescribed,
136 dispensed, compounded, possessed or controlled or delivered or
137 administered to another person with the purpose that said chemical
138 substances shall be breathed, inhaled, sniffed or drunk to induce a
139 stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions
140 of the central nervous system: *Acetone*; *benzene*; *butyl alcohol*; *butyl*

141 nitrate and its salts, isomers, esters, ethers or their salts; cyclohexanone;
142 dichlorodifluoromethane; ether; ethyl acetate; formaldehyde; hexane;
143 isopropanol; methanol; methyl cellosolve acetate; methyl ethyl ketone;
144 methyl isobutyl ketone; nitrous oxide; pentochlorophenol; toluene;
145 toluol; trichloroethane; trichloroethylene; 1,4 butanediol.

146 (50) "Sale" is any form of delivery which includes barter, exchange or
147 gift, or offer therefor, and each such transaction made by any person
148 whether as principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee.

149 (51) "State", when applied to a part of the United States, includes any
150 state, district, commonwealth, territory or insular possession thereof,
151 and any area subject to the legal authority of the United States of
152 America.

153 (52) "State food, drug and cosmetic laws" means the Uniform Food,
154 Drug and Cosmetic Act, section 21a-91 et seq.

155 (53) "Ultimate user" means a person who lawfully possesses a
156 controlled substance for the person's own use or for the use of a member
157 of such person's household or for administering to an animal owned by
158 such person or by a member of such person's household.

159 (54) "Veterinarian" means a person authorized by law to practice
160 veterinary medicine in this state.

161 (55) "Wholesaler" means a distributor or a person who supplies
162 controlled substances that the person personally has not produced or
163 prepared to registrants.

164 (56) "Reasonable times" means the time or times any office, care-
165 giving institution, pharmacy, clinic, wholesaler, manufacturer,
166 laboratory, warehouse, establishment, store or place of business, vehicle
167 or other place is open for the normal affairs or business or the practice
168 activities usually conducted by the registrant.

169 (57) "Unit dose drug distribution system" means a drug distribution

170 system used in a hospital or chronic and convalescent nursing home in
171 which drugs are supplied in individually labeled unit of use packages,
172 each patient's supply of drugs is exchanged between the hospital
173 pharmacy and the drug administration area or, in the case of a chronic
174 and convalescent nursing home between a pharmacy and the drug
175 administration area, at least once each twenty-four hours and each
176 patient's medication supply for this period is stored within a patient-
177 specific container, all of which is conducted under the direction of a
178 pharmacist licensed in Connecticut and, in the case of a hospital, directly
179 involved in the provision and supervision of pharmaceutical services at
180 such hospital at least thirty-five hours each week.

181 (58) "Cocaine in a free-base form" means any substance which
182 contains cocaine, or any compound, isomer, derivative or preparation
183 thereof, in a nonsalt form.

184 (59) "THC" means tetrahydrocannabinol, including, but not limited
185 to, delta-7, delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol
186 and delta-10-tetrahydrocannabinol, and any material, compound,
187 mixture or preparation which contain their salts, isomers and salts of
188 isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers and salts of
189 isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation, regardless
190 of the source, except: (A) Dronabinol substituted in sesame oil and
191 encapsulated in a soft gelatin capsule in a federal Food and Drug
192 Administration or successor agency approved product; or (B) any
193 tetrahydrocannabinol product that has been approved by the federal
194 Food and Drug Administration or successor agency to have a medical
195 use and reclassified in any schedule of controlled substances or
196 unscheduled by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or
197 successor agency.

198 (60) "Total THC" means the sum of the percentage by weight of
199 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, multiplied by eight hundred seventy-
200 seven-thousandths, plus the percentage of weight of THC.

201 (61) "Manufactured cannabinoid" means cannabinoids created by

202 directly converting one cannabinoid to a different cannabinoid through:
203 (A) Application of light or heat; (B) decarboxylation of naturally
204 occurring acidic forms of cannabinoids; or (C) an alternate extraction or
205 conversion process approved by the Department of Consumer
206 Protection and published on the department's Internet web site.

207 (62) "Synthetic cannabinoid" (A) means any substance converted, by
208 a chemical process, including, but not limited to, chemical synthesis,
209 conversion or isomerization, to create a cannabinoid or cannabinoid-like
210 substance that (i) has structural features which allow interaction with at
211 least one of the known cannabinoid-specific receptors, or (ii) has any
212 physiological or psychotropic response on at least one cannabinoid-
213 specific receptor, (B) includes, but is not limited to, delta-8-
214 tetrahydrocannabinol, THC-O acetate, hexahydrocannabinol (HHC and
215 HXC) and hydrox4phc (PHC), and (C) does not include any
216 manufactured cannabinoid.

217 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 22-61l of the general statutes is
218 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
219 *2025*):

220 (a) For the purpose of this section and section 22-61m, as amended by
221 this act, the following terms have the same meaning as provided in 7
222 CFR 990.1, as amended from time to time: "Acceptable hemp THC level",
223 "Agricultural marketing service", "Audit", "Cannabis", "Conviction",
224 "Corrective action plan", "Culpable mental state greater than
225 negligence", "Decarboxylated", "Decarboxylation", "Disposal", "Dry
226 weight basis", "Gas chromatography", "Geospatial location", "Handle",
227 "Liquid chromatography", "Immature plants", "Information sharing
228 system", "Measurement of uncertainty", "Negligence",
229 "Phytocannabinoid", "Postdecarboxylation", "Remediation", "Reverse
230 distributor" and "Total THC". In addition, for the purpose of this section,
231 [and] section 22-61m, as amended by this act, and sections 3 and 4 of this
232 act:

233 (1) "Cannabidiol" or "CBD" means the nonpsychotropic compound by

234 the same name;

235 (2) "Certificate of analysis" means a certificate from a laboratory
236 describing the results of the laboratory's testing of a sample;

237 (3) "Commercial extract" means an oil or concentrate that (A) is
238 extracted exclusively from raw hemp plant material, (B) contains a THC
239 concentration of more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, and (C) is
240 extracted by (i) adding heat, (ii) decarboxylation, (iii) adding (I) a Class
241 3 organic solvent within the meaning of the most recent United States
242 Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467, as amended from time to time, or (II)
243 another solvent approved by the Commissioner of Consumer
244 Protection, (iv) ethanol extraction, (v) carbon dioxide extraction, (vi) a
245 solventless extraction method, including, but not limited to, the use of
246 ice water, rosin pressing, dry sifting or steam distillation, or (vii) an
247 extraction process not set forth in subparagraphs (C)(i) to (C)(vi),
248 inclusive, of this subdivision, provided such extraction process has been
249 approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection;

250 (4) "Commercial extractor" means a person licensed pursuant to
251 section 3 of this act to manufacture, advertise, offer and sell commercial
252 extracts to infused beverage manufacturers, as defined in section 21a-
253 425, and producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, food and beverage
254 manufacturers and product manufacturers, as such terms are defined in
255 section 21a-420;

256 [(3)] (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture, or
257 the commissioner's designated agent;

258 [(4)] (6) "Cultivate" means to plant, grow, harvest, handle and store a
259 plant or crop;

260 [(5)] (7) "Federal act" means the United States Agricultural Marketing
261 Act of 1946, 7 USC 1639o et seq., as amended from time to time;

262 [(6)] (8) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

263 [(7)] (9) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in the federal act;

264 [(8)] (10) "Hemp products" means all manufacturer hemp products
265 and producer hemp products;

266 [(9)] (11) "Independent testing laboratory" means a facility:

267 (A) For which no person who has any direct or indirect financial or
268 managerial interest in the laboratory and also has any direct or indirect
269 interest in a facility that:

270 (i) Produces, distributes, manufactures or sells hemp or hemp
271 products, or marijuana in any state or territory of the United States; or

272 (ii) Cultivates, processes, distributes, dispenses or sells marijuana;
273 and

274 (B) That is accredited as a laboratory in compliance with section 21a-
275 408-59 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies;

276 [(10)] (12) "Laboratory" means a laboratory that meets the
277 requirements of 7 CFR 990.3 and that is accredited as a testing laboratory
278 to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-
279 party accrediting body such as the American Association for Laboratory
280 Accreditation or the Assured Calibration and Laboratory Accreditation
281 Select Services;

282 [(11)] (13) "Law enforcement agency" means the Connecticut State
283 Police, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the
284 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Consumer Protection
285 Drug Control Division or any other federal, state or local law
286 enforcement agency or drug suppression unit;

287 [(12)] (14) "Licensee" means an individual or entity that possesses a
288 license to produce or manufacture hemp or hemp products in this state;

289 [(13)] (15) "Manufacture" means the conversion of the hemp plant into
290 a by-product or an extract by means of (A) adding heat, [solvents or] (B)

291 decarboxylation, (C) adding (i) a Class 3 organic solvent within the
292 meaning of the most recent United States Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467,
293 as amended from time to time, or (ii) another solvent approved by the
294 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, (D) ethanol extraction, (E)
295 carbon dioxide extraction, (F) a solventless extraction method,
296 including, but not limited to, the use of ice water, rosin pressing, dry
297 sifting or steam distillation, or (G) any method of extraction that
298 modifies the original composition of the plant for the purpose of
299 creating a manufacturer hemp product for commercial or research
300 purposes;

301 ~~[(14)]~~ (16) "Manufacturer" means a person in the state licensed by the
302 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to manufacture, handle, store
303 and market manufacturer hemp products pursuant to the provisions of
304 section 22-61m, as amended by this act, and any regulation adopted
305 pursuant to section 22-61m, as amended by this act;

306 ~~[(15)]~~ (17) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section
307 21a-240, as amended by this act;

308 ~~[(16)]~~ (18) "Market" or "marketing" means promoting, distributing or
309 selling a hemp product within the state, in another state or outside of
310 the United States and includes efforts to advertise and gather
311 information about the needs or preferences of potential consumers or
312 suppliers;

313 ~~[(17)]~~ (19) "On-site manager" means the individual designated by the
314 producer license applicant or producer responsible for on-site
315 management and operations of a licensed producer;

316 (20) "Out-of-state edible" means a manufacturer hemp product that
317 (A) is not an alcoholic beverage, as defined in section 30-1, or an infused
318 beverage, as defined in section 21a-425, (B) is intended for human
319 consumption, (C) contains, or is advertised, labeled or offered for sale
320 as containing, total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by
321 this act, that is greater than five milligrams per container but not greater

322 than fifty milligrams per container, and (D) contains THC solely derived
323 from hemp;

324 [(18)] (21) "Pesticide" has the same meaning as "pesticide chemical" as
325 provided in section 21a-92;

326 [(19)] (22) "Lot" means a contiguous area in a field, greenhouse or
327 indoor growing structure containing the same variety or strain of hemp
328 throughout the area;

329 [(20)] (23) "Post-harvest sample" means a representative sample of the
330 form of hemp taken from the harvested hemp from a particular lot's
331 harvest that is collected in accordance with the procedures established
332 by the commissioner;

333 [(21)] (24) "Pre-harvest sample" means a composite, representative
334 portion from plants in a hemp lot, that is collected in accordance with
335 the procedures established by the commissioner;

336 [(22)] (25) "Produce" means to cultivate hemp or create any producer
337 hemp product;

338 [(23)] (26) "State plan" means a state plan, as described in the federal
339 act and as authorized pursuant to this section;

340 [(24)] (27) "THC" means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol;

341 [(25)] (28) "Controlled Substances Act" or "CSA" means the
342 Controlled Substances Act as codified in 21 USC 801 et seq.;

343 [(26)] (29) "Criminal history report" means the fingerprint-based state
344 and national criminal history record information obtained in accordance
345 with section 29-17a;

346 [(27)] (30) "Drug Enforcement Administration" or "DEA" means the
347 United States Drug Enforcement Administration;

348 [(28)] (31) "Farm service agency" or "FSA" means an agency of the

349 United States Department of Agriculture;

350 [(29)] (32) "Key participant" means a sole proprietor, a partner in
351 partnership or a person with executive managerial control in an entity,
352 including persons such as a chief executive officer, chief operating
353 officer and chief financial officer;

354 [(30)] (33) "Manufacturer hemp product" (A) means a commodity
355 manufactured from the hemp plant, for commercial or research
356 purposes, that (i) is intended for human ingestion, inhalation,
357 absorption or other internal consumption, [that] and (ii) contains a THC
358 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per
359 volume or weight of such manufacturer hemp product, and (B) does not
360 include an infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425;

361 [(31)] (34) "Producer" means an individual or entity licensed by the
362 commissioner to produce and market producer hemp products
363 pursuant to the federal act, the state plan, the provisions of this section
364 and the regulations adopted pursuant to this section;

365 [(32)] (35) "Producer hemp product" means any of the following
366 produced in this state: Raw hemp product, fiber-based hemp product or
367 animal hemp food product, and each of which contains a THC
368 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per
369 volume or weight of such producer hemp product;

370 [(33)] (36) "USDA" means the United States Department of
371 Agriculture;

372 [(34)] (37) "Entity" means a corporation, joint stock company,
373 association, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited
374 liability company, irrevocable trust, estate, charitable organization or
375 other similar organization, including any such organization
376 participating in the hemp production as a partner in a general
377 partnership, a participant in a joint venture or a participant in a similar
378 organization; [and]

379 ~~[(35)]~~ (38) "Homogenize" means to blend hemp into a mixture that
380 has a uniform quality and content throughout such mixture; and

381 (39) "Low-THC hemp product" means a manufacturer hemp product
382 that has total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act,
383 of not more than one-half of one milligram on a per-container basis.

384 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

385 (1) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in
386 section 21a-420 of the general statutes;

387 (2) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
388 of the general statutes;

389 (3) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as
390 provided in section 21a-420 of the general statutes;

391 (4) "Infused beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as
392 provided in section 21a-425 of the general statutes;

393 (5) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section
394 21a-420 of the general statutes;

395 (6) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
396 of the general statutes; and

397 (7) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in
398 section 21a-420 of the general statutes.

399 (b) On and after October 1, 2025, no person shall manufacture,
400 advertise, offer or sell commercial extract in this state unless such person
401 is a cannabis establishment or the Department of Consumer Protection
402 has issued a commercial extractor license to such person pursuant to this
403 section.

404 (c) On and after October 1, 2025, the Department of Consumer
405 Protection may issue or renew a license for a person to be a commercial

406 extractor. Each commercial extractor license issued pursuant to this
407 section shall authorize the holder of such license to manufacture,
408 advertise, offer and sell commercial extract in this state to producers,
409 cultivators, micro-cultivators, product manufacturers, food and
410 beverage manufacturers and infused beverage manufacturers. The
411 department shall not issue a commercial extractor license to a
412 manufacturer, and no holder of a commercial extractor license shall hold
413 a manufacturer license.

414 (d) (1) To obtain an initial license as a commercial extractor under this
415 section, an applicant shall submit to the Department of Consumer
416 Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
417 Consumer Protection, (A) a completed application for an initial license
418 as a commercial extractor, and (B) an initial license fee in the amount of
419 three hundred seventy-five dollars.

420 (2) Each initial license as a commercial extractor issued pursuant to
421 this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of
422 issuance, and may be renewed for successive one-year periods upon
423 submission of a completed renewal application in the manner, and
424 payment of a license renewal fee in the amount, set forth in subdivision
425 (1) of this subsection for an initial license.

426 (3) All license and renewal fees collected pursuant to this subsection
427 shall be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account
428 established in section 21a-8a of the general statutes for the purposes of
429 (A) protecting public health, (B) educating consumers and licensees, and
430 (C) ensuring compliance with hemp and cannabis laws.

431 (e) Each commercial extractor shall use an approved electronic
432 tracking system, as described in section 21a-421n of the general statutes,
433 in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
434 Protection for the purpose of monitoring (1) the intake of hemp in plant
435 form, (2) the extraction and refinement of commercial extract, (3) the
436 laboratory testing of commercial extract, (4) the transportation and
437 handling of commercial extract, and (5) the sale or final disposition of

438 commercial extract.

439 (f) Each commercial extractor shall comply with the laboratory
440 testing standards established in policies, procedures and regulations
441 adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to
442 section 21a-421j of the general statutes.

443 (g) No commercial extractor shall advertise, offer or sell commercial
444 extract to any person (1) outside of this state, or (2) other than a
445 producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, product manufacturer, food and
446 beverage manufacturer or infused beverage manufacturer.

447 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) On and after January 1, 2026,
448 no person shall manufacture an out-of-state edible in this state unless
449 the Department of Consumer Protection has issued an out-of-state
450 edible manufacturer license to such person pursuant to this section.

451 (b) On and after January 1, 2026, the Department of Consumer
452 Protection may issue or renew a license for a person to be an out-of-state
453 edible manufacturer. Each out-of-state edible manufacturer license
454 issued pursuant to this section shall authorize the holder of such license
455 to manufacture out-of-state edibles in this state to be advertised, offered
456 and sold outside of this state. The department shall not issue an out-of-
457 state edible manufacturer license to a manufacturer, and no holder of an
458 out-of-state edible manufacturer license shall hold a manufacturer
459 license.

460 (c) (1) To obtain an initial license as an out-of-state edible
461 manufacturer under this section, an applicant shall submit to the
462 Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed
463 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, (A) a completed
464 application for an initial license as an out-of-state edible manufacturer,
465 and (B) an initial license fee in the amount of three hundred seventy-five
466 dollars.

467 (2) Each initial license as an out-of-state edible manufacturer issued
468 pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the

469 date of issuance, and may be renewed for successive one-year periods
470 upon submission of a completed renewal application in the manner, and
471 payment of a license renewal fee in the amount, set forth in subdivision
472 (1) of this subsection for an initial license.

473 (3) All license and renewal fees collected pursuant to this subsection
474 shall be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account
475 established in section 21a-8a of the general statutes for the purposes of
476 (A) protecting public health, (B) educating consumers and licensees, and
477 (C) ensuring compliance with hemp and cannabis laws.

478 (d) Each out-of-state edible manufacturer shall use an approved
479 electronic tracking system, as described in section 21a-421n of the
480 general statutes, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner
481 of Consumer Protection for the purpose of monitoring the
482 manufacturing and distribution of all out-of-state edibles in the
483 possession of the out-of-state edible manufacturer. All information
484 contained in such electronic tracking system shall be subject to the
485 provisions of section 21a-421n of the general statutes.

486 (e) Each out-of-state edible manufacturer shall comply with the
487 laboratory testing standards established in policies, procedures and
488 regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection
489 pursuant to section 21a-421j of the general statutes.

490 (f) No out-of-state edible manufacturer shall offer or sell any out-of-
491 state edible in this state or directly to any individual.

492 Sec. 5. Subsections (i) to (aa), inclusive, of section 22-61m of the
493 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
494 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

495 (i) (1) Each manufacturer shall ensure that an independent testing
496 laboratory tests samples from each batch of a manufacturer hemp
497 product prior to any sale of such manufacturer hemp product. The
498 testing shall ensure that the manufacturer hemp product complies with
499 all testing requirements and standards set forth in the laboratory testing

500 standards established in policies, procedures and regulations adopted
501 by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j, except: (A) Such
502 testing shall occur after the manufacturer hemp product has undergone
503 all manufacturing by such manufacturer prior to sale; and (B) such
504 manufacturer hemp product shall not be required to be in final
505 packaging prior to such testing.

506 (2) The independent testing laboratory shall test each sample as set
507 forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection in accordance with the testing
508 requirements and standards set forth in this section.

509 ~~[(i) (1)]~~ (j) Each manufacturer shall follow the protocol in this
510 subsection for disposing of cannabis in the event that any hemp or
511 manufacturer hemp product is deemed to exceed the prescribed THC
512 concentration, as determined by the Commissioner of Consumer
513 Protection, or a manufacturer licensee in possession of hemp or hemp
514 products who desires to dispose of obsolete, misbranded, excess or
515 otherwise undesired product. Each manufacturer licensee shall be
516 responsible for all costs of disposal of hemp samples and any hemp
517 produced by such licensee that violates the provisions of this section or
518 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section. Any ~~[cannabis]~~ hemp
519 or manufacturer hemp product that exceeds the prescribed THC
520 concentration allowable in hemp or manufacturer hemp products shall
521 be immediately embargoed by such manufacturer and clearly labeled as
522 adulterated by such licensee and such licensee shall immediately notify
523 both the Department of Consumer Protection and the Department of
524 Agriculture, in writing, of such adulterated product. Such adulterated
525 product shall be destroyed and disposed of by the following method, as
526 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

527 ~~[(A)]~~ (1) Surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or
528 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer
529 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of
530 such adulterated product; or

531 ~~[(B)]~~ (2) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of

532 Consumer Protection.

533 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
534 subsection, upon written request of a manufacturer, the Commissioner
535 of Consumer Protection may permit such manufacturer to combine
536 different batches of raw hemp plant material to achieve a THC
537 concentration of 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, in lieu of embargo
538 or destruction.]

539 [(j)] (k) The manufacturer or manufacturer's authorized designee
540 disposing of the hemp or hemp products shall maintain and make
541 available to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection a record of each
542 such disposal or destruction of product indicating:

543 (1) The date, time and location of disposal or destruction;

544 (2) The manner of disposal or destruction;

545 (3) The batch or lot information and quantity of hemp or hemp
546 product disposed of or destroyed; and

547 (4) The signatures of the persons disposing of the hemp or hemp
548 products, the authorized representative of the Commissioner of
549 Consumer Protection and any other persons present during the
550 disposal.

551 [(k)] (l) Any hemp intended to be manufactured by a manufacturer
552 into a manufacturer hemp product shall be [tested by an independent
553 testing laboratory located in this state. A manufacturer licensee shall
554 make available samples, in an amount and type determined by the
555 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of hemp for an independent
556 testing laboratory employee to select random samples. The independent
557 testing laboratory shall test each sample in accordance with the
558 laboratory testing standards established in policies, procedures and
559 regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j]
560 accompanied by a certificate of analysis confirming that such hemp
561 contains not more than three-tenths per cent total THC on a dry weight

562 basis.

563 [(l)] (m) Once a batch of hemp, intended to be sold as a manufacturer
564 hemp product, has been homogenized for sample testing and eventual
565 packaging and sale, until such time as the independent testing
566 laboratory provides the results from its tests and analysis, the
567 manufacturer shall segregate and withhold from use and sale the entire
568 batch of hemp that is intended for use as a manufacturer hemp product,
569 except the samples that have been removed by the independent testing
570 laboratory for testing. During this period of segregation, the
571 manufacturer licensee shall maintain the hemp batch in a secure, cool
572 and dry location, as prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
573 Protection, so as to prevent the hemp from becoming adulterated. Such
574 manufacturer shall not manufacture or sell a manufacturer hemp
575 product prior to the time that the independent testing laboratory
576 completes testing and analysis and provides such results, in writing, to
577 the manufacturer licensee who initiated such testing.

578 [(m)] (n) An independent testing laboratory shall immediately return
579 or dispose of any hemp or manufacturer hemp product upon the
580 completion of any testing, use or research. If an independent testing
581 laboratory disposes of hemp or manufacturer hemp products, the
582 laboratory shall dispose of such hemp in the following manner, as
583 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

584 (1) By surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or
585 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer
586 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of
587 such hemp or hemp product; or

588 (2) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
589 Consumer Protection.

590 [(n)] (o) If a sample does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin,
591 heavy metal or pesticide chemical residue test, based on the laboratory
592 testing standards established in policies, procedures and regulations

593 adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to
594 section 21a-421j, the manufacturer licensee who sent such batch for
595 testing shall:

596 (1) Retest and reanalyze the manufacturer hemp product from which
597 the sample was taken by having an employee from the same laboratory
598 randomly select another sample from the same manufacturer hemp
599 product batch. If the sample used to retest or reanalyze such
600 manufacturer hemp product yields satisfactory results for all testing
601 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory
602 shall randomly select a different sample from the same manufacturer
603 hemp product batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results
604 for all testing required under this section, the [hemp] batch from which
605 the samples were taken shall be released for [manufacturing, processing
606 and] sale;

607 (2) If a remediation plan sufficient to ensure public health and safety
608 is submitted to and approved by the commissioner, remediate the
609 manufacturer hemp product batch from which the sample was taken
610 and have a laboratory employee randomly select a sample from such
611 remediated manufacturer hemp product batch for testing. If such
612 randomly selected sample yields satisfactory results for any testing
613 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory
614 shall randomly select a different sample from the same manufacturer
615 hemp product batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results
616 for all testing required under this section, the [hemp] batch from which
617 the samples were taken may be released for [manufacturing, processing
618 or] sale; or

619 (3) If the manufacturer does not retest or remediate, or if any
620 subsequent laboratory testing does not yield satisfactory results for any
621 testing required under this section, dispose of the entire batch from
622 which the sample was taken in accordance with procedures established
623 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to [subdivision
624 (1) of] subsection [(i)] (j) of this section.

625 [(o)] (p) If a sample passes the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy
626 metal and pesticide chemical residue test, the independent testing
627 laboratory shall release the entire batch for [manufacturing, processing
628 or] sale.

629 [(p)] (q) The independent testing laboratory shall file with the
630 Department of Consumer Protection an electronic copy of each
631 laboratory test result for any batch that does not pass the
632 microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy metal or pesticide chemical residue
633 test, at the same time that it transmits such results to the manufacturer
634 licensee who requested such testing. Each independent testing
635 laboratory shall maintain the test results of each tested batch for a period
636 of three years and shall make such results available to the Department
637 of Consumer Protection upon request.

638 [(q)] (r) Manufacturers shall maintain records required by the federal
639 act, this section, any regulation adopted pursuant to this section and the
640 policies, procedures and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of
641 Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-421j. Each manufacturer
642 shall make such records available to the Department of Consumer
643 Protection immediately upon request and in electronic format, if
644 available.

645 [(r)] (s) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
646 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
647 implement the provisions of this section including, but not limited to,
648 establishing sampling and testing procedures to ensure compliance
649 with this section, prescribing storage and disposal procedures for
650 [hemp, marijuana and] manufacturer hemp products that fail to pass
651 Department of Consumer Protection prescribed independent testing
652 laboratory testing standards and establishing advertising and labeling
653 requirements for manufacturer hemp products.

654 [(s)] (t) Any claim of health impacts, medical effects or physical or
655 mental benefits shall be prohibited on any advertising for, labeling of or
656 marketing of manufacturer hemp products regardless of whether such

657 manufacturer hemp products were manufactured in this state or
658 another jurisdiction. Any violation of this subsection shall be deemed an
659 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
660 110b.

661 [(t)] (u) Not later than February 1, 2020, the Commissioners of
662 Agriculture and Consumer Protection shall submit a report, in
663 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
664 committee of the [general assembly] General Assembly having
665 cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status of the
666 pilot program, the development of the state plan and any regulations
667 for such pilot program or state plan. Such report shall also include any
668 legislative recommendations, including, but not limited to, any
669 recommendations for requiring the registration of any manufacturer
670 hemp product offered for sale in this state.

671 [(u)] (v) (1) Any person who sells manufacturer hemp products shall
672 not be required to be licensed, provided such person only engages in:
673 (A) The retail or wholesale sale of low-THC manufacturer hemp
674 products in which no further manufacturing of hemp occurs, provided
675 such low-THC manufacturer hemp products are acquired from a person
676 authorized to manufacture the manufacturer hemp products under the
677 laws of this state or another state, territory or possession of the United
678 States or another sovereign entity; (B) the acquisition of manufacturer
679 hemp products for the sole purpose of product distribution for resale;
680 and (C) the retail sale of manufacturer hemp products that is authorized
681 under federal or state law.

682 (2) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or Commissioner of
683 Revenue Services may, pursuant to section 4-182, summarily suspend
684 any credential the Department of Consumer Protection or Department
685 of Revenue Services, respectively, issued to any person who violates any
686 provision of this section or chapter 214c, 228d, 420f or 420h.

687 [(v)] (w) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state,
688 or to a consumer in this state, shall contain any synthetic cannabinoid,

689 as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

690 ~~[(w)]~~ (x) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state,
691 or to a consumer in this state, shall be packaged, presented or advertised
692 in a manner that is likely to mislead a consumer by incorporating any
693 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other
694 depiction that: (1) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or
695 characteristic packaging of (A) cannabis offered for sale (i) in this state
696 by a cannabis establishment licensed in this state, or (ii) on tribal land
697 by a tribal-credentialed cannabis entity, or (B) a commercially available
698 product other than a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420; or
699 (2) implies that the manufacturer hemp product (A) is a cannabis
700 product, as defined in section 21a-420, (B) contains a total THC
701 concentration greater than three-tenths per cent on a dry weight basis,
702 or (C) is a high-THC hemp product, as defined in section 21a-240, as
703 amended by this act.

704 ~~[(x)]~~ (y) No manufacturer hemp product that is a food, beverage, oil
705 or other product intended for human ingestion shall be distributed or
706 sold in this state unless such product is contained within a package, or
707 a label is affixed to such package, that includes:

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

711 (A) The name of such product;

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

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

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

- 719 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable;
- 720 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing that:
- 721 (A) [Children, or those] Those who are pregnant or breastfeeding [,]
722 should avoid using such product prior to consulting with a health care
723 professional concerning such product's safety;
- 724 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of
725 children; and
- 726 (C) The federal Food and Drug Administration has not evaluated
727 such product for safety or efficacy; and
- 728 (4) If such product is intended to be inhaled, a clear and conspicuous
729 warning statement disclosing that smoking or vaporizing is hazardous
730 to human health.
- 731 ~~[(y)]~~ (z) No manufacturer hemp product that is a topical, soap or
732 cosmetic, as defined in section 21a-92, shall be distributed or sold in this
733 state unless such product is contained within a package, or a label is
734 affixed to such package, that includes:
- 735 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response
736 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form extract
737 or final form product batch by an independent testing laboratory and
738 discloses:
- 739 (A) The name of such product;
- 740 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's
741 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;
- 742 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such
743 package or label; and
- 744 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such batch,
745 including, but not limited to, total THC and any marketed cannabinoids;

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

747 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing the following:

748 "THE FDA HAS NOT EVALUATED THIS PRODUCT FOR SAFETY
749 OR EFFICACY."

750 [(z)] (aa) Not later than October 31, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
751 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, in
752 consultation with the Department of Consumer Protection, publish a
753 training bulletin to inform local law enforcement agencies and officers
754 regarding the investigation and enforcement standards concerning
755 cannabis and high-THC hemp products.

756 [(aa)] (bb) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes: (1)
757 CBD that is found in manufacturer hemp products shall not be
758 considered a controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240, as
759 amended by this act, or legend drug, as defined in section 20-571; and
760 (2) CBD derived from hemp and contained in manufacturer hemp
761 products shall not be considered a controlled substance or adulterant.

762 Sec. 6. Section 22-61n of the general statutes is repealed and the
763 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

764 (a) As used in this section:

765 (1) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420;

766 (2) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as
767 provided in section 21a-420;

768 [(2)] (3) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l,
769 as amended by this act;

770 [(3)] (4) "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in
771 section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

772 [(4)] (5) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in

773 section 21a-420;

774 [(5)] (6) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
775 420; and

776 [(6)] (7) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided
777 in section 21a-420.

778 (b) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage
779 manufacturer and product manufacturer may manufacture, market,
780 cultivate or store hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp
781 products and commercial extracts, regardless of total THC content, from
782 licensees in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any
783 regulations adopted pursuant to [said] this chapter. A producer,
784 cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer and
785 product manufacturer that obtains hemp, [and] hemp products, high-
786 THC hemp products or commercial extracts shall only obtain such
787 hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or commercial
788 extracts from a person authorized under the laws of this state [or
789 another state, territory or possession of the United States or another
790 sovereign entity] to possess and sell such hemp, [and] hemp products,
791 high-THC hemp products or commercial extracts.

792 (c) Hemp, [or] hemp products, high-THC hemp products and
793 commercial extracts purchased by a producer, cultivator, micro-
794 cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer or product manufacturer
795 [or food and beverage manufacturer] from a third party shall be tracked
796 as a separate batch throughout the manufacturing process in order to
797 document the disposition of such hemp, [or] hemp products, high-THC
798 hemp products and commercial extracts. Once hemp, [or] hemp
799 products, high-THC hemp products and commercial extracts are
800 received by a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage
801 manufacturer or product manufacturer, [or food and beverage
802 manufacturer,] such hemp, [or] hemp products, high-THC hemp
803 products and commercial extracts shall be deemed cannabis and shall
804 comply with the requirements for cannabis contained in the applicable

805 provisions of the general statutes and any regulations adopted pursuant
806 to such provisions. A producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and
807 beverage manufacturer or product manufacturer [and food and
808 beverage manufacturer] shall retain a copy of the certificate of analysis
809 for purchased hemp, [or] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or
810 commercial extracts, and invoice and transport documents that
811 evidence the quantity purchased and date received.

812 Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 21a-425a of the general statutes is
813 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
814 *2025*):

815 (f) (1) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage
816 manufacturer shall sell an infused beverage to any person in this state
817 other than (A) a dispensary facility, (B) a hybrid retailer, (C) a retailer,
818 [or] (D) the holder of a wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer
819 issued under section 30-17, or (E) a moderate-THC hemp product
820 vendor, as defined in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as amended by
821 this act.

822 (2) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, a] A dispensary facility, hybrid
823 retailer, [or] retailer or moderate-THC hemp product vendor, as defined
824 in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as amended by this act, before
825 selling an infused beverage to a consumer in this state, or wholesaler
826 permittee, before selling an infused beverage to a package store
827 permittee under subsection (b) of section 30-20, shall, based on a
828 representative sample of the infused beverage containers included in
829 the shipment that includes such infused beverage, (A) verify that the
830 infused beverages included in such shipment satisfy the requirements
831 established in subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this section and any
832 regulations adopted, and policies and procedures issued, pursuant to
833 subsection (k) of this section, and (B) for the purpose of preserving
834 public health and safety, verify that the infused beverages included in
835 such shipment were manufactured in accordance with requirements
836 that are substantially similar to the requirements established in
837 subsections (d) and (e) of this section and any regulations adopted, and

838 policies and procedures issued, pursuant to subsection (k) of this section
839 if such infused beverages were manufactured (i) in a facility located in,
840 and regulated by, another state, and (ii) by a person who is regulated as
841 a food or nonalcoholic beverage manufacturer.

842 Sec. 8. Section 21a-425b of the general statutes is repealed and the
843 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

844 (a) (1) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage shall
845 be sold, offered for sale or distributed in this state unless:

846 (A) The infused beverage is sold or offered for sale (i) on premises
847 operating under a package store permit issued pursuant to subsection
848 (b) of section 30-20, [or] (ii) at a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or
849 retailer, or (iii) at the registered retail location of a moderate-THC hemp
850 product vendor, as defined in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as
851 amended by this act;

852 (B) If the infused beverage is sold at a dispensary facility, hybrid
853 retailer or retailer, the infused beverage is stored and displayed
854 separately from any cannabis, in the same manner provided for
855 manufacturer hemp products, in accordance with section 21a-409, 21a-
856 420s or 21a-420r, respectively; and

857 (C) The infused beverage meets the standards set forth for
858 manufacturer hemp products in subsections [(v)] (w) and [(x)] (y) of
859 section 22-61m, as amended by this act.

860 (2) [Beginning on July 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage shall be sold,
861 or offered for sale, at retail to any individual in this state by way of any
862 indirect means, including, but not limited to, by way of mail or any
863 telephonic or other electronic means.

864 (b) No infused beverage shall be sold to any individual who is
865 younger than twenty-one years of age. No owner, agent or employee of
866 a package store permitted under subsection (b) of section 30-20, [or] of
867 a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer or of a moderate-THC

868 hemp product vendor, as defined in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as
869 amended by this act, shall sell any infused beverage to an individual
870 without first verifying the individual's age with a valid government-
871 issued driver's license or identity card to establish that such individual
872 is twenty-one years of age or older.

873 (c) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No person shall sell, or offer
874 for sale, any infused beverage in any container containing less than
875 twelve fluid ounces, or any packaging comprised of more than four
876 containers.

877 [(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c),
878 inclusive, of this section, a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer,
879 or package store that has received a waiver from the Commissioner of
880 Consumer Protection under section 21a-425d may, during the period
881 beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2024, sell legacy
882 infused beverages in accordance with such waiver and the requirements
883 set forth in section 21a-425d.]

884 [(e)] (d) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be
885 deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of
886 section 42-110b.

887 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 21a-425c of the general statutes is
888 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
889 *2025*):

890 (b) (1) Beginning on May 15, 2024, no business shall sell, at retail, any
891 infused beverage or legacy infused beverage in this state unless such
892 business has satisfied the requirements established in subsection (c) of
893 this section. No business, other than a dispensary facility, hybrid
894 retailer, retailer or package store authorized pursuant to section 21a-
895 425d, shall sell, at retail, any infused beverage or legacy infused
896 beverage in this state on or after July 1, 2024.

897 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
898 subsection, a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, as defined in

899 subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as amended by this act, may sell
900 infused beverages in this state on or after July 1, 2025.

901 Sec. 10. Section 21a-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the
902 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

903 (a) As used in this section and section 11 of this act, unless the context
904 otherwise requires:

905 (1) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in
906 section 21a-420;

907 (2) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420;

908 (3) "Container" (A) means an object that is offered, intended for sale
909 or sold to a consumer and directly contains (i) a manufacturer hemp
910 product, or (ii) a moderate-THC hemp product, and (B) does not include
911 an object or packaging that indirectly contains, or contains in bulk for
912 transportation purposes, (i) a manufacturer hemp product, or (ii) a
913 moderate-THC hemp product;

914 (4) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section
915 21a-425;

916 [(4)] (5) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section
917 22-611, as amended by this act;

918 [(5)] (6) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as
919 provided in section 22-611, as amended by this act;

920 [(6)] (7) "Moderate-THC hemp product" (A) means a manufacturer
921 hemp product that has total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as
922 amended by this act, of not less than one-half of one milligram, and not
923 more than five milligrams, on a per-container basis, and (B) does not
924 include (i) an infused beverage, [as defined in section 21a-425,] or (ii) a
925 legacy infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425; and

926 [(7)] (8) "Moderate-THC hemp product vendor" means a person that

927 (A) holds a certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of
928 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section, and (B) is not a cannabis
929 establishment.

930 (b) [Beginning on January 1, 2025, no] No person shall sell or offer to
931 sell, at retail, any moderate-THC hemp product in the state to
932 consumers unless such person is a cannabis establishment or holds a
933 certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of Consumer
934 Protection pursuant to this section. The provisions of this section shall
935 not apply to the wholesale or commercial distribution of moderate-THC
936 hemp products for resale.

937 (c) (1) (A) [Beginning on January 1, 2025, a] A person seeking a
938 certificate of registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall
939 submit to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in a form and
940 manner prescribed by the commissioner, an application accompanied
941 by a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of [two thousand]
942 eight hundred dollars or, if the applicant actively holds a manufacturer
943 license, in the amount of [one thousand] five hundred dollars. Such
944 application shall, at a minimum, disclose:

945 (i) The location in the state where such person (I) currently sells or
946 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC
947 hemp products to consumers, and (II) proposes to sell or offer to sell, at
948 retail, infused beverages; and

949 (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,
950 information sufficient for the commissioner to determine that:

951 (I) During the preceding year, at least eighty-five per cent of the
952 average monthly gross revenue generated at such existing retail location
953 was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp products to
954 consumers; or

955 (II) It is reasonably likely that at least eighty-five per cent of the
956 average monthly gross revenue to be generated at such proposed retail
957 location will be derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp

958 products and infused beverages to consumers.

959 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, the
960 commissioner shall not issue a certificate of registration as a moderate-
961 THC hemp product vendor unless the commissioner has determined
962 that the applicant satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the
963 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this
964 subdivision. Each such certificate shall expire annually, and shall allow
965 the moderate-THC hemp product vendor to sell and offer to sell, at
966 retail, moderate-THC hemp products and infused beverages to
967 consumers at such location.

968 (C) (i) No person seeking a certificate of registration as a moderate-
969 THC hemp product vendor shall be required to disclose information
970 sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to determine
971 that such person satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the minimum
972 sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision if
973 such person (I) manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at the
974 location in the state where such person sells or offers to sell, or proposes
975 to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC hemp products to
976 consumers, or (II) is actively licensed as a manufacturer and sells or
977 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, to consumers
978 moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such manufacturer.

979 (ii) The commissioner may issue a certificate of registration as a
980 moderate-THC hemp product vendor to a person that satisfies the
981 criteria set forth in subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision even if such
982 person does not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in
983 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

984 (2) (A) Each certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be
985 renewable for additional one-year periods. Each moderate-THC hemp
986 product vendor seeking renewal shall submit to the Commissioner of
987 Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the
988 commissioner, a renewal application accompanied by a nonrefundable
989 renewal application fee in the amount of [two thousand] eight hundred

990 dollars or, if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor actively holds a
991 manufacturer license, in the amount of [one thousand] five hundred
992 dollars. Such application shall, at a minimum and except as provided in
993 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, disclose information sufficient for
994 the commissioner to determine that, during the preceding registration
995 year, at least eighty-five per cent of the average monthly gross revenue
996 generated at the moderate-THC hemp product vendor's registered retail
997 location was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp
998 products and infused beverages to consumers. Except as provided in
999 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall not issue a
1000 renewal to a moderate-THC hemp product vendor unless the
1001 commissioner has determined that the moderate-THC hemp product
1002 vendor satisfied such minimum sales threshold.

1003 (B) (i) No moderate-THC hemp product vendor seeking renewal of a
1004 certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be required to disclose
1005 information sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to
1006 determine that such moderate-THC hemp product vendor satisfied the
1007 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this
1008 subdivision if (I) such moderate-THC hemp product vendor
1009 manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at such moderate-THC
1010 hemp product vendor's registered retail location, or (II) is actively
1011 licensed as a manufacturer and sells or offers to sell, at retail, to
1012 consumers moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such
1013 manufacturer.

1014 (ii) The commissioner may issue a renewal to a moderate-THC hemp
1015 product vendor that satisfies the criteria set forth in subparagraph (B)(i)
1016 of this subdivision even if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor did
1017 not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph
1018 (A) of this subdivision.

1019 (3) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be
1020 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
1021 in section 21a-8a.

1022 (d) No person may act as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, or
1023 represent that such person is a moderate-THC hemp product vendor,
1024 unless such person has obtained and actively holds a certificate of
1025 registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor issued by the
1026 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

1027 (e) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product
1028 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-
1029 THC hemp product vendor, shall sell a moderate-THC hemp product
1030 or an infused beverage to any individual who is younger than twenty-
1031 one years of age. Prior to selling any moderate-THC hemp product or
1032 infused beverage to an individual, the cannabis establishment,
1033 moderate-THC hemp product vendor, agent or employee shall first
1034 verify the individual's age with a valid government-issued driver's
1035 license or identity card to establish that such individual is twenty-one
1036 years of age or older.

1037 (f) No person shall sell any moderate-THC hemp product intended
1038 for human ingestion in packaging that includes more than two
1039 containers.

1040 (g) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet the standards set
1041 forth for manufacturer hemp products in subsections [(v),] (w), ~~(x)~~ and
1042 ~~[(x)]~~ (y) of section 22-61m, as amended by this act.

1043 (h) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet (1) the testing
1044 standards for manufacturer hemp products established in, and any
1045 regulations adopted pursuant to, section 22-61m, as amended by this
1046 act, or (2) such other testing standards for manufacturer hemp products
1047 as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the commissioner's
1048 discretion, may designate.

1049 (i) Each moderate-THC hemp product container shall prominently
1050 display a symbol, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch
1051 and in a format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,
1052 that indicates that such moderate-THC hemp product is not legal or safe

1053 for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age.

1054 (j) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product
1055 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-
1056 THC hemp product vendor, shall gift or transfer any moderate-THC
1057 hemp product or infused beverage at no cost to a consumer as part of a
1058 commercial transaction.

1059 (k) All sales of infused beverages under this section shall be made in
1060 accordance with the provisions of section 21a-425b, as amended by this
1061 act.

1062 [(k)] (l) Each moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall be subject to
1063 the investigation and enforcement provisions set forth in section 21a-
1064 421p.

1065 [(l)] (m) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
1066 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
1067 implement the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the
1068 requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, the commissioner
1069 shall, prior to adopting such regulations and in order to effectuate the
1070 provisions of this section, issue policies and procedures to implement
1071 the provisions of this section that shall have the force and effect of law.
1072 The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the
1073 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site, and submit
1074 such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on
1075 the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date
1076 of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer
1077 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or
1078 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight
1079 months from July 1, 2024, if such regulations have not been submitted
1080 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under
1081 section 4-170.

1082 [(m)] (n) Following a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter
1083 54, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose an

1084 administrative civil penalty, not to exceed five thousand dollars per
 1085 violation, and suspend, revoke or place conditions upon any moderate-
 1086 THC hemp product vendor that violates any provision of this section or
 1087 any regulation adopted pursuant to subsection [(l)] (m) of this section.
 1088 Any administrative civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be
 1089 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
 1090 in section 21a-8a.

1091 Sec. 11. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2025) (a) As used in this section,
 1092 "infused beverage container" (1) means an object that is offered,
 1093 intended for sale or sold to a consumer and directly contains an infused
 1094 beverage, and (2) does not include an object or packaging that indirectly
 1095 contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes, an infused
 1096 beverage.

1097 (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by a moderate-THC hemp
 1098 product vendor on each infused beverage container sold by such
 1099 moderate-THC hemp product vendor. Such fee shall not be subject to
 1100 any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to any provision of the
 1101 general statutes.

1102 (c) On October 1, 2025, and every six months thereafter, each
 1103 moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall remit payment to the
 1104 Department of Consumer Protection for each infused beverage
 1105 container sold during the preceding six-month period. The funds
 1106 received by the department from infused beverage sales shall be
 1107 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
 1108 in section 21a-8a of the general statutes for the purposes of (1) protecting
 1109 public health and safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3)
 1110 ensuring compliance with cannabis and hemp laws."

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

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2025 | 21a-240(29) to (62) |
| Sec. 2 | July 1, 2025 | 22-611(a) |
| Sec. 3 | July 1, 2025 | New section |

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| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | New section |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 22-61m(i) to (aa) |
| Sec. 6 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 22-61n |
| Sec. 7 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 21a-425a(f) |
| Sec. 8 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 21a-425b |
| Sec. 9 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 21a-425c(b) |
| Sec. 10 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 21a-426 |
| Sec. 11 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | New section |