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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4 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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 from passage*):

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 from*  
219 *passage*):

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 or authorized  
251 pursuant to section 3 of this act to manufacture, advertise, offer and sell  
252 commercial extracts to infused beverage manufacturers, as defined in  
253 section 21a-425, manufacturers, out-of-state edible manufacturers, and  
254 producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, food and beverage  
255 manufacturers and product manufacturers, as such terms are defined in  
256 section 21a-420;

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

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

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

263 [(6)] (8) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

264       [(7)] (9) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in the federal act;

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

267       [(9)] (11) "Independent testing laboratory" means a facility:

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

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

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

275       (B) That is accredited as a laboratory in compliance with section 21a-  
276 408-59 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies;

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

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

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

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

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

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

307 [(15)] (17) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section  
308 21a-240, as amended by this act;

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

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

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

323 and (D) contains THC solely derived from hemp;

324 (21) "Out-of-state edible manufacturer" means a person licensed or  
325 authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to  
326 section 4 of this act;

327 ~~[(18)]~~ (22) "Pesticide" has the same meaning as "pesticide chemical" as  
328 provided in section 21a-92;

329 ~~[(19)]~~ (23) "Lot" means a contiguous area in a field, greenhouse or  
330 indoor growing structure containing the same variety or strain of hemp  
331 throughout the area;

332 ~~[(20)]~~ (24) "Post-harvest sample" means a representative sample of the  
333 form of hemp taken from the harvested hemp from a particular lot's  
334 harvest that is collected in accordance with the procedures established  
335 by the commissioner;

336 ~~[(21)]~~ (25) "Pre-harvest sample" means a composite, representative  
337 portion from plants in a hemp lot, that is collected in accordance with  
338 the procedures established by the commissioner;

339 ~~[(22)]~~ (26) "Produce" means to cultivate hemp or create any producer  
340 hemp product;

341 ~~[(23)]~~ (27) "State plan" means a state plan, as described in the federal  
342 act and as authorized pursuant to this section;

343 ~~[(24)]~~ (28) "THC" means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol;

344 ~~[(25)]~~ (29) "Controlled Substances Act" or "CSA" means the  
345 Controlled Substances Act as codified in 21 USC 801 et seq.;

346 ~~[(26)]~~ (30) "Criminal history report" means the fingerprint-based state  
347 and national criminal history record information obtained in accordance  
348 with section 29-17a;

349 ~~[(27)]~~ (31) "Drug Enforcement Administration" or "DEA" means the

350 United States Drug Enforcement Administration;

351 [(28)] (32) "Farm service agency" or "FSA" means an agency of the  
352 United States Department of Agriculture;

353 [(29)] (33) "Key participant" means a sole proprietor, a partner in  
354 partnership or a person with executive managerial control in an entity,  
355 including persons such as a chief executive officer, chief operating  
356 officer and chief financial officer;

357 [(30)] (34) "Manufacturer hemp product" (A) means a commodity  
358 manufactured from the hemp plant, for commercial or research  
359 purposes, that (i) is intended for human ingestion, inhalation,  
360 absorption or other internal consumption, [that] and (ii) contains a THC  
361 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per  
362 volume or weight of such manufacturer hemp product, and (B) does not  
363 include an infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425;

364 [(31)] (35) "Producer" means an individual or entity licensed by the  
365 commissioner to produce and market producer hemp products  
366 pursuant to the federal act, the state plan, the provisions of this section  
367 and the regulations adopted pursuant to this section;

368 [(32)] (36) "Producer hemp product" means any of the following  
369 produced in this state: Raw hemp product, fiber-based hemp product or  
370 animal hemp food product, and each of which contains a THC  
371 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per  
372 volume or weight of such producer hemp product;

373 [(33)] (37) "USDA" means the United States Department of  
374 Agriculture;

375 [(34)] (38) "Entity" means a corporation, joint stock company,  
376 association, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited  
377 liability company, irrevocable trust, estate, charitable organization or  
378 other similar organization, including any such organization  
379 participating in the hemp production as a partner in a general

380 partnership, a participant in a joint venture or a participant in a similar  
381 organization; [and]

382 [(35)] (39) "Homogenize" means to blend hemp into a mixture that  
383 has a uniform quality and content throughout such mixture; and

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

387 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

396 (5) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section  
397 21a-420 of the general statutes;

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

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

402 (b) No person shall manufacture, advertise, offer or sell commercial  
403 extract in this state unless (1) such person is a cannabis establishment,  
404 (2) the Department of Consumer Protection has issued a commercial  
405 extractor license to such person pursuant to this section, or (3) such  
406 person (A) is credentialed by another state, territory or possession of the

407 United States or another sovereign entity to produce or manufacture  
408 hemp products, and (B) is not prohibited by such state, territory,  
409 possession or entity from advertising, offering or selling commercial  
410 extract to a person outside of such state, territory, possession or entity.

411 (c) On and after July 1, 2025, the Department of Consumer Protection  
412 may issue or renew not more than five licenses for a person to be a  
413 commercial extractor. Each commercial extractor license issued  
414 pursuant to this section shall authorize the holder of such license to  
415 manufacture, advertise, offer and sell commercial extract in this state to  
416 producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product manufacturers, food  
417 and beverage manufacturers, manufacturers, infused beverage  
418 manufacturers and out-of-state edible manufacturers. The department  
419 shall not issue a commercial extractor license to a manufacturer, and no  
420 holder of a commercial extractor license shall hold a manufacturer  
421 license.

422 (d) (1) To obtain an initial license as a commercial extractor under this  
423 section, an applicant shall submit to the Department of Consumer  
424 Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
425 Consumer Protection, (A) a completed application for an initial license  
426 as a commercial extractor, and (B) an initial license fee in the amount of  
427 three hundred seventy-five dollars.

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

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

439 (e) Each commercial extractor shall use an approved electronic  
440 tracking system, as described in section 21a-421n of the general statutes,  
441 in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer  
442 Protection for the purpose of monitoring (1) the intake of hemp in plant  
443 form, (2) the extraction and refinement of commercial extract, (3) the  
444 laboratory testing of commercial extract, (4) the transportation and  
445 handling of commercial extract, and (5) the sale or final disposition of  
446 commercial extract.

447 (f) Each commercial extractor shall comply with the laboratory  
448 testing standards established in policies, procedures and regulations  
449 adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to  
450 section 21a-421j of the general statutes. Prior to the sale or distribution  
451 of commercial extract, a commercial extractor shall comply with the  
452 laboratory testing requirements set forth in section 22-61m of the  
453 general statutes, as amended by this act.

454 (g) (1) No cannabis establishment or commercial extractor licensed  
455 under this section shall (A) advertise, offer or sell commercial extract to  
456 any person (i) outside of this state, or (ii) other than a producer,  
457 cultivator, micro-cultivator, product manufacturer, food and beverage  
458 manufacturer, manufacturer, infused beverage manufacturer or out-of-  
459 state edible manufacturer, or (B) manufacture or process commercial  
460 extract that contains any concentrate, oil or extract from hemp that was  
461 not manufactured by the commercial extractor.

462 (2) A commercial extractor may combine one or more commercial  
463 extracts, provided such commercial extracts were manufactured by such  
464 commercial extractor.

465 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

466 (1) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420  
467 of the general statutes;

468 (2) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as  
469 provided in section 21a-420 of the general statutes;



470 (3) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section  
471 21a-420 of the general statutes;

472 (4) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420  
473 of the general statutes; and

474 (5) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in  
475 section 21a-420 of the general statutes.

476 (b) No person shall manufacture an out-of-state edible in this state  
477 unless (1) the Department of Consumer Protection has issued an out-of-  
478 state edible manufacturer license to such person pursuant to this section,  
479 or (2) such person is (A) a cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and  
480 beverage manufacturer or product manufacturer, or (B) a producer that  
481 has received expanded authorization to engage in the adult use cannabis  
482 market under the producer's license issued pursuant to section 21a-408i  
483 of the general statutes.

484 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection may issue or renew a  
485 license for a person to be an out-of-state edible manufacturer. Each out-  
486 of-state edible manufacturer license issued pursuant to this section shall  
487 authorize the holder of such license to manufacture out-of-state edibles  
488 in this state to be advertised, offered and sold outside of this state. The  
489 department shall not issue an out-of-state edible manufacturer license  
490 to a manufacturer, and no holder of an out-of-state edible manufacturer  
491 license shall hold a manufacturer license.

492 (d) (1) To obtain an initial license as an out-of-state edible  
493 manufacturer under this section, an applicant shall submit to the  
494 Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed  
495 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, (A) a completed  
496 application for an initial license as an out-of-state edible manufacturer,  
497 and (B) an initial license fee in the amount of three hundred seventy-five  
498 dollars.

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

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

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

510 (e) Each out-of-state edible manufacturer shall use an approved  
511 electronic tracking system, as described in section 21a-421n of the  
512 general statutes, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner  
513 of Consumer Protection for the purpose of monitoring the  
514 manufacturing and distribution of all out-of-state edibles in the  
515 possession of the out-of-state edible manufacturer. All information  
516 contained in such electronic tracking system shall be subject to the  
517 provisions of section 21a-421n of the general statutes.

518 (f) Each out-of-state edible manufacturer shall comply with the  
519 laboratory testing standards established in the policies, procedures and  
520 regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
521 pursuant to section 21a-421j of the general statutes.

522 (g) No out-of-state edible manufacturer shall offer or sell any out-of-  
523 state edible in this state or directly to any individual.

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

527 (i) (1) Each manufacturer shall ensure that an independent testing  
528 laboratory tests samples from each batch of a manufacturer hemp  
529 product prior to any sale of such manufacturer hemp product. The  
530 testing shall ensure that the manufacturer hemp product complies with  
531 all testing requirements and standards set forth in the laboratory testing

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

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

541 [(i) (1)] (j) Each manufacturer shall follow the protocol in this  
542 subsection for disposing of cannabis in the event that any hemp or  
543 manufacturer hemp product is deemed to exceed the prescribed THC  
544 concentration, as determined by the Commissioner of Consumer  
545 Protection, or a manufacturer licensee in possession of hemp or hemp  
546 products who desires to dispose of obsolete, misbranded, excess or  
547 otherwise undesired product. Each manufacturer licensee shall be  
548 responsible for all costs of disposal of hemp samples and any hemp  
549 produced by such licensee that violates the provisions of this section or  
550 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section. Any [cannabis] hemp  
551 or manufacturer hemp product that exceeds the prescribed THC  
552 concentration allowable in hemp or manufacturer hemp products shall  
553 be immediately embargoed by such manufacturer and clearly labeled as  
554 adulterated by such licensee and such licensee shall immediately notify  
555 both the Department of Consumer Protection and the Department of  
556 Agriculture, in writing, of such adulterated product. Such adulterated  
557 product shall be destroyed and disposed of by the following method, as  
558 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

559 [(A)] (1) Surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or  
560 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer  
561 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of  
562 such adulterated product; or

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

564 Consumer Protection.

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

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

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

576 (2) The manner of disposal or destruction;

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

579 (4) The signatures of the persons disposing of the hemp or hemp  
580 products, the authorized representative of the Commissioner of  
581 Consumer Protection and any other persons present during the  
582 disposal.

583 [(k)] (l) Any hemp intended to be manufactured by a manufacturer  
584 into a manufacturer hemp product shall be [tested by an independent  
585 testing laboratory located in this state. A manufacturer licensee shall  
586 make available samples, in an amount and type determined by the  
587 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of hemp for an independent  
588 testing laboratory employee to select random samples. The independent  
589 testing laboratory shall test each sample in accordance with the  
590 laboratory testing standards established in policies, procedures and  
591 regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j]  
592 accompanied by a certificate of analysis confirming that such hemp  
593 contains not more than three-tenths per cent total THC on a dry weight

594 basis.

595       [(l)] (m) Once a batch of hemp, intended to be sold as a manufacturer  
596 hemp product, has been homogenized for sample testing and eventual  
597 packaging and sale, until such time as the independent testing  
598 laboratory provides the results from its tests and analysis, the  
599 manufacturer shall segregate and withhold from use and sale the entire  
600 batch of hemp that is intended for use as a manufacturer hemp product,  
601 except the samples that have been removed by the independent testing  
602 laboratory for testing. During this period of segregation, the  
603 manufacturer licensee shall maintain the hemp batch in a secure, cool  
604 and dry location, as prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer  
605 Protection, so as to prevent the hemp from becoming adulterated. Such  
606 manufacturer shall not manufacture or sell a manufacturer hemp  
607 product prior to the time that the independent testing laboratory  
608 completes testing and analysis and provides such results, in writing, to  
609 the manufacturer licensee who initiated such testing.

610       [(m)] (n) An independent testing laboratory shall immediately return  
611 or dispose of any hemp or manufacturer hemp product upon the  
612 completion of any testing, use or research. If an independent testing  
613 laboratory disposes of hemp or manufacturer hemp products, the  
614 laboratory shall dispose of such hemp in the following manner, as  
615 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

616       (1) By surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or  
617 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer  
618 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of  
619 such hemp or hemp product; or

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

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

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

628 (1) Retest and reanalyze the manufacturer hemp product from which  
629 the sample was taken by having an employee from the same laboratory  
630 randomly select another sample from the same manufacturer hemp  
631 product batch. If the sample used to retest or reanalyze such  
632 manufacturer hemp product yields satisfactory results for all testing  
633 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory  
634 shall randomly select a different sample from the same manufacturer  
635 hemp product batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results  
636 for all testing required under this section, the [hemp] batch from which  
637 the samples were taken shall be released for [manufacturing, processing  
638 and] sale;

639 (2) If a remediation plan sufficient to ensure public health and safety  
640 is submitted to and approved by the commissioner, remediate the  
641 manufacturer hemp product batch from which the sample was taken  
642 and have a laboratory employee randomly select a sample from such  
643 remediated manufacturer hemp product batch for testing. If such  
644 randomly selected sample yields satisfactory results for any testing  
645 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory  
646 shall randomly select a different sample from the same manufacturer  
647 hemp product batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results  
648 for all testing required under this section, the [hemp] batch from which  
649 the samples were taken may be released for [manufacturing, processing  
650 or] sale; or

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

657       ~~[(o)]~~ (p) If a sample passes the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy  
658 metal and pesticide chemical residue test, the independent testing  
659 laboratory shall release the entire batch for ~~[manufacturing, processing~~  
660 ~~or]~~ sale.

661       ~~[(p)]~~ (q) The independent testing laboratory shall file with the  
662 Department of Consumer Protection an electronic copy of each  
663 laboratory test result for any batch that does not pass the  
664 microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy metal or pesticide chemical residue  
665 test, at the same time that it transmits such results to the manufacturer  
666 licensee who requested such testing. Each independent testing  
667 laboratory shall maintain the test results of each tested batch for a period  
668 of three years and shall make such results available to the Department  
669 of Consumer Protection upon request.

670       ~~[(q)]~~ (r) Manufacturers shall maintain records required by the federal  
671 act, this section, any regulation adopted pursuant to this section and the  
672 policies, procedures and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
673 Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-421j. Each manufacturer  
674 shall make such records available to the Department of Consumer  
675 Protection immediately upon request and in electronic format, if  
676 available.

677       ~~[(r)]~~ (s) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
678 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
679 implement the provisions of this section including, but not limited to,  
680 establishing sampling and testing procedures to ensure compliance  
681 with this section, prescribing storage and disposal procedures for  
682 ~~[hemp, marijuana and]~~ manufacturer hemp products that fail to pass  
683 Department of Consumer Protection prescribed independent testing  
684 laboratory testing standards and establishing advertising and labeling  
685 requirements for manufacturer hemp products.

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

689 manufacturer hemp products were manufactured in this state or  
690 another jurisdiction. Any violation of this subsection shall be deemed an  
691 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-  
692 110b.

693 [(t)] (u) Not later than February 1, 2020, the Commissioners of  
694 Agriculture and Consumer Protection shall submit a report, in  
695 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
696 committee of the [general assembly] General Assembly having  
697 cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status of the  
698 pilot program, the development of the state plan and any regulations  
699 for such pilot program or state plan. Such report shall also include any  
700 legislative recommendations, including, but not limited to, any  
701 recommendations for requiring the registration of any manufacturer  
702 hemp product offered for sale in this state.

703 [(u)] (v) (1) Any person who sells manufacturer hemp products shall  
704 not be required to be licensed, provided such person only engages in:  
705 (A) The retail or wholesale sale of low-THC manufacturer hemp  
706 products in which no further manufacturing of hemp occurs, provided  
707 such low-THC manufacturer hemp products are acquired from a person  
708 authorized to manufacture the manufacturer hemp products under the  
709 laws of this state or another state, territory or possession of the United  
710 States or another sovereign entity; (B) the acquisition of manufacturer  
711 hemp products for the sole purpose of product distribution for resale;  
712 and (C) the retail sale of manufacturer hemp products that is authorized  
713 under federal or state law.

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

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



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

722     ~~[(w)]~~ (x) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state,  
723 or to a consumer in this state, shall be packaged, presented or advertised  
724 in a manner that is likely to mislead a consumer by incorporating any  
725 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other  
726 depiction that: (1) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or  
727 characteristic packaging of (A) cannabis offered for sale (i) in this state  
728 by a cannabis establishment licensed in this state, or (ii) on tribal land  
729 by a tribal-credentialed cannabis entity, or (B) a commercially available  
730 product other than a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420; or  
731 (2) implies that the manufacturer hemp product (A) is a cannabis  
732 product, as defined in section 21a-420, (B) contains a total THC  
733 concentration greater than three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight basis,  
734 or (C) is a high-THC hemp product, as defined in section 21a-240, as  
735 amended by this act.

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

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

743     (A) The name of such product;

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

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

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

- 751 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable;
- 752 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing that:
- 753 (A) [Children, or those] Those who are pregnant or breastfeeding [.]
- 754 should avoid using such product prior to consulting with a health care
- 755 professional concerning such product's safety;
- 756 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of
- 757 children; and
- 758 (C) The federal Food and Drug Administration has not evaluated
- 759 such product for safety or efficacy; and
- 760 (4) If such product is intended to be inhaled, a clear and conspicuous
- 761 warning statement disclosing that smoking or vaporizing is hazardous
- 762 to human health.
- 763 [(y)] (z) No manufacturer hemp product that is a topical, soap or
- 764 cosmetic, as defined in section 21a-92, shall be distributed or sold in this
- 765 state unless such product is contained within a package, or a label is
- 766 affixed to such package, that includes:
- 767 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response
- 768 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form extract
- 769 or final form product batch by an independent testing laboratory and
- 770 discloses:
- 771 (A) The name of such product;
- 772 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's
- 773 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;
- 774 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such
- 775 package or label; and
- 776 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such batch,
- 777 including, but not limited to, total THC and any marketed cannabinoids;

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

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

780 "THE FDA HAS NOT EVALUATED THIS PRODUCT FOR SAFETY  
781 OR EFFICACY."

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

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

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

796 (a) As used in this section:

797 (1) "Cannabis product" has the same meaning as provided in section  
798 21a-420;

799 [(1)] (2) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
800 420;

801 (3) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as  
802 provided in section 21a-420;

803 [(2)] (4) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l,  
804 as amended by this act;

805       ~~[(3)] (5)~~ "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in  
806       section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

807       (6) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
808       21a-425;

809       (7) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-  
810       61l, as amended by this act;

811       ~~[(4)] (8)~~ "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in  
812       section 21a-420;

813       (9) "Out-of-state edible manufacturer" has the same meaning as  
814       provided in section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

815       ~~[(5)] (10)~~ "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
816       420; and

817       ~~[(6)] (11)~~ "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided  
818       in section 21a-420.

819       (b) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage  
820       manufacturer and product manufacturer may manufacture, market,  
821       cultivate or store hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp  
822       products and commercial extracts, regardless of total THC content, from  
823       licensees in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any  
824       regulations adopted pursuant to [said] this chapter. A producer,  
825       cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer and  
826       product manufacturer [that obtains] may obtain hemp, [and] hemp  
827       products, high-THC hemp products or commercial extracts from a third  
828       party, and shall only obtain such hemp, [and] hemp products, high-  
829       THC hemp products or commercial extracts from a person authorized  
830       under the laws of this state or another state, territory or possession of  
831       the United States or another sovereign entity to possess and sell such  
832       hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or commercial  
833       extracts. An infused beverage manufacturer, manufacturer or out-of-  
834       state edible manufacturer may obtain commercial extracts only from a

835 person authorized under the laws of this state to produce or  
836 manufacture hemp products, or from a person credentialed by another  
837 state, territory or possession of the United States or another sovereign  
838 entity to produce or manufacture hemp products if such other state,  
839 territory, possession or entity does not prohibit such person from  
840 advertising, offering or selling such commercial extracts to a person  
841 outside of such other state, territory, possession or entity.

842 (c) Hemp, [or] hemp products, high-THC hemp products and  
843 commercial extracts purchased by a producer, cultivator, micro-  
844 cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer or product manufacturer  
845 [or food and beverage manufacturer] from a third party shall be tracked  
846 as a separate batch throughout the manufacturing process in order to  
847 document the disposition of such hemp, [or] hemp products, high-THC  
848 hemp products and commercial extracts. Once hemp, [or] hemp  
849 products, high-THC hemp products and commercial extracts are  
850 received by a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage  
851 manufacturer or product manufacturer [or food and beverage  
852 manufacturer] to manufacture a cannabis product, such hemp, [or]  
853 hemp products, high-THC hemp products and commercial extracts  
854 shall be deemed cannabis and shall comply with the requirements for  
855 cannabis contained in the applicable provisions of the general statutes  
856 and any regulations adopted pursuant to such provisions. If commercial  
857 extracts are received by a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food  
858 and beverage manufacturer or product manufacturer for any purpose  
859 other than to manufacture a cannabis product, such commercial extracts  
860 shall continue to be deemed commercial extracts. A producer,  
861 cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer, product  
862 manufacturer, [and food and beverage manufacturer] manufacturer,  
863 infused beverage manufacturer or out-of-state edible manufacturer  
864 shall retain a copy of the certificate of analysis for purchased hemp, [or]  
865 hemp products or high-THC hemp products, and invoice and transport  
866 documents that evidence the quantity purchased and date received. A  
867 producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer,  
868 product manufacturer, manufacturer, infused beverage manufacturer

869 or out-of-state edible manufacturer shall obtain and retain a certificate  
870 of analysis for commercial extracts that complies with the laboratory  
871 testing standards established in the policies, procedures and regulations  
872 adopted pursuant to section 21a-421j, and invoice and transport  
873 documents that evidence the quantity purchased and date received.

874 Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 21a-425a of the general statutes is  
875 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
876 *2025*):

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

884 (2) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, a] A dispensary facility, hybrid  
885 retailer, [or] retailer or moderate-THC hemp product vendor, as defined  
886 in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as amended by this act, before  
887 selling an infused beverage to a consumer in this state, or wholesaler  
888 permittee, before selling an infused beverage to a package store  
889 permittee under subsection (b) of section 30-20, shall, based on a  
890 representative sample of the infused beverage containers included in  
891 the shipment that includes such infused beverage, (A) verify that the  
892 infused beverages included in such shipment satisfy the requirements  
893 established in subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this section and any  
894 regulations adopted, and policies and procedures issued, pursuant to  
895 subsection (k) of this section, and (B) for the purpose of preserving  
896 public health and safety, verify that the infused beverages included in  
897 such shipment were manufactured in accordance with requirements  
898 that are substantially similar to the requirements established in  
899 subsections (d) and (e) of this section and any regulations adopted, and  
900 policies and procedures issued, pursuant to subsection (k) of this section  
901 if such infused beverages were manufactured (i) in a facility located in,

902 and regulated by, another state, and (ii) by a person who is regulated as  
903 a food or nonalcoholic beverage manufacturer.

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

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

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

914 (B) If the infused beverage is sold at a dispensary facility, hybrid  
915 retailer or retailer, the infused beverage is stored and displayed  
916 separately from any cannabis, in the same manner provided for  
917 manufacturer hemp products, in accordance with section 21a-409, 21a-  
918 420s or 21a-420r, respectively; and

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

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

926 (b) No infused beverage shall be sold to any individual who is  
927 younger than twenty-one years of age. No owner, agent or employee of  
928 a package store permitted under subsection (b) of section 30-20, [or] of  
929 a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer or of a moderate-THC  
930 hemp product vendor, as defined in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as  
931 amended by this act, shall sell any infused beverage to an individual

932 without first verifying the individual's age with a valid government-  
933 issued driver's license or identity card to establish that such individual  
934 is twenty-one years of age or older.

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

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

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

949 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 21a-425c of the general statutes is  
950 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
951 *2025*):

952 (b) (1) Beginning on May 15, 2024, no business shall sell, at retail, any  
953 infused beverage or legacy infused beverage in this state unless such  
954 business has satisfied the requirements established in subsection (c) of  
955 this section. No business, other than a dispensary facility, hybrid  
956 retailer, retailer or package store authorized pursuant to section 21a-  
957 425d, shall sell, at retail, any infused beverage or legacy infused  
958 beverage in this state on or after July 1, 2024.

959 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
960 subsection, a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, as defined in  
961 subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as amended by this act, may sell  
962 infused beverages in this state on or after July 1, 2025.



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

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

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

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

970 (3) "Container" (A) means an object that is offered, intended for sale  
971 or sold to a consumer and directly contains (i) a manufacturer hemp  
972 product, or (ii) a moderate-THC hemp product, and (B) does not include  
973 an object or packaging that indirectly contains, or contains in bulk for  
974 transportation purposes, (i) a manufacturer hemp product, or (ii) a  
975 moderate-THC hemp product;

976 (4) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
977 21a-425;

978 [(4)] (5) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section  
979 22-61l, as amended by this act;

980 [(5)] (6) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as  
981 provided in section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

982 [(6)] (7) "Moderate-THC hemp product" (A) means a manufacturer  
983 hemp product that has total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as  
984 amended by this act, of not less than one-half of one milligram, and not  
985 more than five milligrams, on a per-container basis, and (B) does not  
986 include (i) an infused beverage, [as defined in section 21a-425,] or (ii) a  
987 legacy infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425; and

988 [(7)] (8) "Moderate-THC hemp product vendor" means a person that  
989 (A) holds a certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of  
990 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section, and (B) is not a cannabis  
991 establishment.

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

999 (c) (1) (A) [Beginning on January 1, 2025, a] A person seeking a  
1000 certificate of registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall  
1001 submit to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in a form and  
1002 manner prescribed by the commissioner, an application accompanied  
1003 by a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of [two thousand]  
1004 eight hundred dollars or, if the applicant actively holds a manufacturer  
1005 license, in the amount of [one thousand] five hundred dollars. Each  
1006 applicant that intends to sell infused beverages to consumers shall  
1007 submit to the commissioner, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
1008 commissioner, an additional fee in the amount of five hundred dollars.  
1009 Such application shall, at a minimum, disclose:

1010 (i) The location in the state where such person (I) currently sells or  
1011 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC  
1012 hemp products to consumers, and (II) proposes to sell or offer to sell, at  
1013 retail, infused beverages to consumers; and

1014 (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,  
1015 information sufficient for the commissioner to determine that:

1016 (I) During the preceding year, at least eighty-five per cent of the  
1017 average monthly gross revenue generated at such existing retail location  
1018 was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp products to  
1019 consumers; or

1020 (II) It is reasonably likely that at least eighty-five per cent of the  
1021 average monthly gross revenue to be generated at such proposed retail  
1022 location will be derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp

1023 products and infused beverages to consumers.

1024 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, the  
1025 commissioner shall not issue a certificate of registration as a moderate-  
1026 THC hemp product vendor unless the commissioner has determined  
1027 that the applicant satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the  
1028 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this  
1029 subdivision. Each such certificate shall expire annually, and shall allow  
1030 the moderate-THC hemp product vendor to sell and offer to sell, at  
1031 retail, moderate-THC hemp products and infused beverages to  
1032 consumers at such location.

1033 (C) (i) No person seeking a certificate of registration as a moderate-  
1034 THC hemp product vendor shall be required to disclose information  
1035 sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to determine  
1036 that such person satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the minimum  
1037 sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision if  
1038 such person (I) manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at the  
1039 location in the state where such person sells or offers to sell, or proposes  
1040 to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC hemp products to  
1041 consumers, or (II) is actively licensed as a manufacturer and sells or  
1042 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, to consumers  
1043 moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such manufacturer.

1044 (ii) The commissioner may issue a certificate of registration as a  
1045 moderate-THC hemp product vendor to a person that satisfies the  
1046 criteria set forth in subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision even if such  
1047 person does not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in  
1048 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

1049 (2) (A) Each certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be  
1050 renewable for additional one-year periods. Each moderate-THC hemp  
1051 product vendor seeking renewal shall submit to the Commissioner of  
1052 Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
1053 commissioner, a renewal application accompanied by a nonrefundable  
1054 renewal application fee in the amount of [two thousand] eight hundred

1055 dollars or, if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor actively holds a  
1056 manufacturer license, in the amount of [one thousand] five hundred  
1057 dollars. Each renewal applicant that intends to sell infused beverages to  
1058 consumers shall submit to the commissioner, in a form and manner  
1059 prescribed by the commissioner, an additional fee in the amount of five  
1060 hundred dollars. Such application shall, at a minimum and except as  
1061 provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, disclose information  
1062 sufficient for the commissioner to determine that, during the preceding  
1063 registration year, at least eighty-five per cent of the average monthly  
1064 gross revenue generated at the moderate-THC hemp product vendor's  
1065 registered retail location was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-  
1066 THC hemp products and infused beverages to consumers. Except as  
1067 provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the commissioner  
1068 shall not issue a renewal to a moderate-THC hemp product vendor  
1069 unless the commissioner has determined that the moderate-THC hemp  
1070 product vendor satisfied such minimum sales threshold.

1071 (B) (i) No moderate-THC hemp product vendor seeking renewal of a  
1072 certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be required to disclose  
1073 information sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to  
1074 determine that such moderate-THC hemp product vendor satisfied the  
1075 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this  
1076 subdivision if (I) such moderate-THC hemp product vendor  
1077 manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at such moderate-THC  
1078 hemp product vendor's registered retail location, or (II) is actively  
1079 licensed as a manufacturer and sells or offers to sell, at retail, to  
1080 consumers moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such  
1081 manufacturer.

1082 (ii) The commissioner may issue a renewal to a moderate-THC hemp  
1083 product vendor that satisfies the criteria set forth in subparagraph (B)(i)  
1084 of this subdivision even if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor did  
1085 not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph  
1086 (A) of this subdivision.

1087 (3) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be

1088 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established  
1089 in section 21a-8a.

1090 (d) No person may act as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, or  
1091 represent that such person is a moderate-THC hemp product vendor,  
1092 unless such person has obtained and actively holds a certificate of  
1093 registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor issued by the  
1094 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

1095 (e) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product  
1096 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-  
1097 THC hemp product vendor, shall sell a moderate-THC hemp product  
1098 or an infused beverage to any individual who is younger than twenty-  
1099 one years of age. Prior to selling any moderate-THC hemp product or  
1100 infused beverage to an individual, the cannabis establishment,  
1101 moderate-THC hemp product vendor, agent or employee shall first  
1102 verify the individual's age with a valid government-issued driver's  
1103 license or identity card to establish that such individual is twenty-one  
1104 years of age or older.

1105 (f) No person shall sell any moderate-THC hemp product intended  
1106 for human ingestion in packaging that includes more than two  
1107 containers.

1108 (g) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet the standards set  
1109 forth for manufacturer hemp products in subsections [(v),] (w), (x) and  
1110 [(x)] (y) of section 22-61m, as amended by this act.

1111 (h) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet (1) the testing  
1112 standards for manufacturer hemp products established in, and any  
1113 regulations adopted pursuant to, section 22-61m, as amended by this  
1114 act, or (2) such other testing standards for manufacturer hemp products  
1115 as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the commissioner's  
1116 discretion, may designate.

1117 (i) Each moderate-THC hemp product container shall prominently  
1118 display a symbol, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch

1119 and in a format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
1120 that indicates that such moderate-THC hemp product is not legal or safe  
1121 for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age.

1122 (j) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product  
1123 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-  
1124 THC hemp product vendor, shall gift or transfer any moderate-THC  
1125 hemp product or infused beverage at no cost to a consumer as part of a  
1126 commercial transaction.

1127 (k) All sales of infused beverages under this section shall be made in  
1128 accordance with the provisions of section 21a-425b, as amended by this  
1129 act.

1130 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) Each moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall be subject to  
1131 the investigation and enforcement provisions set forth in section 21a-  
1132 421p.

1133 ~~[(l)]~~ (m) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt  
1134 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
1135 implement the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the  
1136 requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, the commissioner  
1137 shall, prior to adopting such regulations and in order to effectuate the  
1138 provisions of this section, issue policies and procedures to implement  
1139 the provisions of this section that shall have the force and effect of law.  
1140 The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the  
1141 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site, and submit  
1142 such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on  
1143 the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date  
1144 of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer  
1145 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or  
1146 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight  
1147 months from July 1, 2024, if such regulations have not been submitted  
1148 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under  
1149 section 4-170.

1150        [(m)] (n) Following a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter  
1151        54, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose an  
1152        administrative civil penalty, not to exceed five thousand dollars per  
1153        violation, and suspend, revoke or place conditions upon any moderate-  
1154        THC hemp product vendor that violates any provision of this section or  
1155        any regulation adopted pursuant to subsection [(l)] (m) of this section.  
1156        Any administrative civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be  
1157        deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established  
1158        in section 21a-8a.

1159        Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section,  
1160        "infused beverage container" (1) means an object that is offered,  
1161        intended for sale or sold to a consumer and directly contains an infused  
1162        beverage, and (2) does not include an object or packaging that indirectly  
1163        contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes, an infused  
1164        beverage.

1165        (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by a moderate-THC hemp  
1166        product vendor on each infused beverage container sold by such  
1167        moderate-THC hemp product vendor. Such fee shall not be subject to  
1168        any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to any provision of the  
1169        general statutes.

1170        (c) On October 1, 2025, and every six months thereafter, each  
1171        moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall remit payment to the  
1172        Department of Consumer Protection for each infused beverage  
1173        container sold during the preceding six-month period. The funds  
1174        received by the department from infused beverage sales shall be  
1175        deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established  
1176        in section 21a-8a of the general statutes for the purposes of (1) protecting  
1177        public health and safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3)  
1178        ensuring compliance with cannabis and hemp laws."

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	21a-240(29) to (62)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-61l(a)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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