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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4 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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 directly and exclusively from raw hemp plant material, (B)
239 contains a total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, concentration of
240 more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, and (C) is extracted by (i)
241 adding heat, (ii) decarboxylation, (iii) adding (I) a Class 3 organic
242 solvent within the meaning of the most recent United States
243 Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467, as amended from time to time, or (II)
244 another solvent approved by the Commissioner of Consumer
245 Protection, (iv) ethanol extraction, (v) carbon dioxide extraction, (vi) a
246 solventless extraction method, including, but not limited to, the use of
247 ice water, rosin pressing, dry sifting or steam distillation, or (vii) an
248 extraction process not set forth in subparagraphs (C)(i) to (C)(vi),
249 inclusive, of this subdivision, provided such extraction process has been
250 approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection;

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

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

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

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

- 264 [(6)] (8) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;
- 265 [(7)] (9) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in the federal act;
- 266 [(8)] (10) "Hemp products" means all manufacturer hemp products
267 and producer hemp products;
- 268 [(9)] (11) "Independent testing laboratory" means a facility:
- 269 (A) For which no person who has any direct or indirect financial or
270 managerial interest in the laboratory and also has any direct or indirect
271 interest in a facility that:
- 272 (i) Produces, distributes, manufactures or sells hemp or hemp
273 products, or marijuana in any state or territory of the United States; or
- 274 (ii) Cultivates, processes, distributes, dispenses or sells marijuana;
275 and
- 276 (B) That is accredited as a laboratory in compliance with section 21a-
277 408-59 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies;
- 278 [(10)] (12) "Laboratory" means a laboratory that meets the
279 requirements of 7 CFR 990.3 and that is accredited as a testing laboratory
280 to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-
281 party accrediting body such as the American Association for Laboratory
282 Accreditation or the Assured Calibration and Laboratory Accreditation
283 Select Services;
- 284 [(11)] (13) "Law enforcement agency" means the Connecticut State
285 Police, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the
286 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Consumer Protection
287 Drug Control Division or any other federal, state or local law
288 enforcement agency or drug suppression unit;
- 289 [(12)] (14) "Licensee" means an individual or entity that possesses a
290 license to produce or manufacture hemp or hemp products in this state;

291 [(13)] (15) "Manufacture" means the conversion of the hemp plant into
292 a by-product or an extract by means of (A) adding heat, [solvents or] (B)
293 decarboxylation, (C) adding (i) a Class 3 organic solvent within the
294 meaning of the most recent United States Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467,
295 as amended from time to time, or (ii) another solvent approved by the
296 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, (D) ethanol extraction, (E)
297 carbon dioxide extraction, (F) a solventless extraction method,
298 including, but not limited to, the use of ice water, rosin pressing, dry
299 sifting or steam distillation, or (G) any method of extraction that
300 modifies the original composition of the plant for the purpose of
301 creating a manufacturer hemp product for commercial or research
302 purposes;

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

308 [(15)] (17) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section
309 21a-240, as amended by this act;

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

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

318 (20) "Out-of-state edible" means a manufacturer hemp product that
319 (A) is not an alcoholic beverage, as defined in section 30-1, or an infused
320 beverage, as defined in section 21a-425, (B) is intended for human
321 consumption, (C) contains, or is advertised, labeled or offered for sale

322 as containing, total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by
323 this act, that is greater than five milligrams per container but not greater
324 than one hundred milligrams per container, and (D) contains THC
325 solely derived from hemp;

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

329 [(18)] (22) "Pesticide" has the same meaning as "pesticide chemical" as
330 provided in section 21a-92;

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

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

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

341 [(22)] (26) "Produce" means to cultivate hemp or create any producer
342 hemp product;

343 [(23)] (27) "State plan" means a state plan, as described in the federal
344 act and as authorized pursuant to this section;

345 [(24)] (28) "THC" means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol;

346 [(25)] (29) "Controlled Substances Act" or "CSA" means the
347 Controlled Substances Act as codified in 21 USC 801 et seq.;

348 [(26)] (30) "Criminal history report" means the fingerprint-based state
349 and national criminal history record information obtained in accordance

350 with section 29-17a;

351 [(27)] (31) "Drug Enforcement Administration" or "DEA" means the
352 United States Drug Enforcement Administration;

353 [(28)] (32) "Farm service agency" or "FSA" means an agency of the
354 United States Department of Agriculture;

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

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

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

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

375 [(33)] (37) "USDA" means the United States Department of
376 Agriculture;

377 [(34)] (38) "Entity" means a corporation, joint stock company,
378 association, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited

379 liability company, irrevocable trust, estate, charitable organization or
380 other similar organization, including any such organization
381 participating in the hemp production as a partner in a general
382 partnership, a participant in a joint venture or a participant in a similar
383 organization; [and]

384 [(35)] (39) "Homogenize" means to blend hemp into a mixture that
385 has a uniform quality and content throughout such mixture; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

398 (5) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section
399 21a-420 of the general statutes;

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

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

404 (b) No person shall manufacture, advertise, offer or sell commercial
405 extract in this state unless such person is (1) a cannabis establishment,

406 or (2) located in this state and the Department of Consumer Protection
407 has issued a commercial extractor license to such person pursuant to this
408 section.

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

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

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

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

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

446 (f) Prior to the sale or distribution of commercial extract, a
447 commercial extractor shall comply with the laboratory testing
448 requirements set forth in section 22-61m of the general statutes, as
449 amended by this act.

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

458 (2) A commercial extractor may combine one or more commercial
459 extracts, provided such commercial extracts were manufactured by such
460 commercial extractor.

461 (h) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, product
462 manufacturer, food and beverage manufacturer, manufacturer, infused
463 beverage manufacturer or out-of-state edible manufacturer that receives
464 commercial extract from a commercial extractor shall not further
465 distribute such commercial extract, and shall incorporate such
466 commercial extract into a hemp or cannabis product for the purpose of
467 resale, which product shall comply with all total THC concentration
468 limits.

- 469 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:
- 470 (1) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in
471 section 21a-420 of the general statutes;
- 472 (2) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
473 of the general statutes;
- 474 (3) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as
475 provided in section 21a-420 of the general statutes;
- 476 (4) "Infused beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as
477 provided in section 21a-425 of the general statutes;
- 478 (5) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section
479 21a-420 of the general statutes;
- 480 (6) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
481 of the general statutes; and
- 482 (7) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in
483 section 21a-420 of the general statutes.
- 484 (b) No person shall manufacture an out-of-state edible in this state
485 unless the Department of Consumer Protection has issued an out-of-
486 state edible manufacturer license to such person pursuant to this section.
- 487 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection may issue or renew a
488 license for a person to be an out-of-state edible manufacturer. Each out-
489 of-state edible manufacturer license issued pursuant to this section shall
490 authorize the holder of such license to manufacture out-of-state edibles
491 in this state to be advertised, offered and sold outside of this state. The
492 department shall not issue an out-of-state edible manufacturer license
493 to a cannabis establishment, manufacturer or infused beverage
494 manufacturer, and no holder of an out-of-state edible manufacturer
495 license shall hold a cannabis establishment, manufacturer or infused
496 beverage manufacturer license.

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

504 (2) Each initial license as an out-of-state edible manufacturer issued
505 pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the
506 date of issuance, and may be renewed for successive one-year periods
507 upon submission of a completed renewal application in the manner, and
508 payment of a license renewal fee in the amount, set forth in subdivision
509 (1) of this subsection for an initial license.

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

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

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

527 (g) No out-of-state edible manufacturer shall offer or sell any out-of-

528 state edible in this state or directly to any individual.

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

532 (i) (1) Each manufacturer shall ensure that an independent testing
533 laboratory tests samples from each batch of a manufacturer hemp
534 product prior to any sale of such manufacturer hemp product. The
535 testing shall ensure that the manufacturer hemp product complies with
536 all testing requirements and standards set forth in the laboratory testing
537 standards established in policies, procedures and regulations adopted
538 by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j, except: (A) Such
539 testing shall occur after the manufacturer hemp product has undergone
540 all manufacturing by such manufacturer prior to sale; and (B) such
541 manufacturer hemp product shall not be required to be in final
542 packaging prior to such testing.

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

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

560 both the Department of Consumer Protection and the Department of
561 Agriculture, in writing, of such adulterated product. Such adulterated
562 product shall be destroyed and disposed of by the following method, as
563 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

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

568 ~~[(B)]~~ (2) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
569 Consumer Protection.

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

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

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

581 (2) The manner of disposal or destruction;

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

584 (4) The signatures of the persons disposing of the hemp or hemp
585 products, the authorized representative of the Commissioner of
586 Consumer Protection and any other persons present during the
587 disposal.

588 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) Any hemp intended to be manufactured by a manufacturer

589 into a manufacturer hemp product shall be [tested by an independent
590 testing laboratory located in this state. A manufacturer licensee shall
591 make available samples, in an amount and type determined by the
592 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of hemp for an independent
593 testing laboratory employee to select random samples. The independent
594 testing laboratory shall test each sample in accordance with the
595 laboratory testing standards established in policies, procedures and
596 regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j]
597 accompanied by a certificate of analysis from an independent testing
598 laboratory confirming that such hemp contains not more than three-
599 tenths per cent total THC on a dry weight basis.

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

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

621 (1) By surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or

622 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer
623 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of
624 such hemp or hemp product; or

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

627 [(n)] (o) If a sample does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin,
628 heavy metal or pesticide chemical residue test, based on the laboratory
629 testing standards established in policies, procedures and regulations
630 adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to
631 section 21a-421j, the manufacturer licensee who sent such batch for
632 testing shall:

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

644 (2) If a remediation plan sufficient to ensure public health and safety
645 is submitted to and approved by the commissioner, remediate the
646 manufacturer hemp product batch from which the sample was taken
647 and have a laboratory employee randomly select a sample from such
648 remediated manufacturer hemp product batch for testing. If such
649 randomly selected sample yields satisfactory results for any testing
650 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory
651 shall randomly select a different sample from the same manufacturer
652 hemp product batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results
653 for all testing required under this section, the [hemp] batch from which

654 the samples were taken may be released for [manufacturing, processing
655 or] sale; or

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

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

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

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

682 [(r)] (s) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
683 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
684 implement the provisions of this section including, but not limited to,

685 establishing sampling and testing procedures to ensure compliance
686 with this section, prescribing storage and disposal procedures for
687 [hemp, marijuana and] manufacturer hemp products that fail to pass
688 Department of Consumer Protection prescribed independent testing
689 laboratory testing standards and establishing advertising and labeling
690 requirements for manufacturer hemp products.

691 [(s)] (t) Any claim of health impacts, medical effects or physical or
692 mental benefits shall be prohibited on any advertising for, labeling of or
693 marketing of manufacturer hemp products regardless of whether such
694 manufacturer hemp products were manufactured in this state or
695 another jurisdiction. Any violation of this subsection shall be deemed an
696 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
697 110b.

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

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

718 under federal or state law.

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

724 ~~[(v)]~~ (w) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state,
725 or to a consumer in this state, shall contain any synthetic cannabinoid,
726 as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

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

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

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

748 (A) The name of such product;

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

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

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

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

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

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

761 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of
762 children; and

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

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

768 [(y)] (z) No manufacturer hemp product that is a topical, soap or
769 cosmetic, as defined in section 21a-92, shall be distributed or sold in this
770 state unless such product is contained within a package, or a label is
771 affixed to such package, that includes:

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

- 776 (A) The name of such product;
- 777 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's
778 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;
- 779 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such
780 package or label; and
- 781 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such batch,
782 including, but not limited to, total THC and any marketed cannabinoids;
- 783 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable; and
- 784 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing the following:
- 785 "THE FDA HAS NOT EVALUATED THIS PRODUCT FOR SAFETY
786 OR EFFICACY."
- 787 [(z)] (aa) Not later than October 31, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
788 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, in
789 consultation with the Department of Consumer Protection, publish a
790 training bulletin to inform local law enforcement agencies and officers
791 regarding the investigation and enforcement standards concerning
792 cannabis and high-THC hemp products.
- 793 [(aa)] (bb) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes: (1)
794 CBD that is found in manufacturer hemp products shall not be
795 considered a controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240, as
796 amended by this act, or legend drug, as defined in section 20-571; and
797 (2) CBD derived from hemp and contained in manufacturer hemp
798 products shall not be considered a controlled substance or adulterant.
- 799 Sec. 6. Section 22-61n of the general statutes is repealed and the
800 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):
- 801 (a) As used in this section:
- 802 (1) "Cannabis product" has the same meaning as provided in section

803 21a-420;

804 [(1)] (2) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
805 420;

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

808 [(2)] (4) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l,
809 as amended by this act;

810 [(3)] (5) "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in
811 section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

812 (6) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section
813 21a-425;

814 (7) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-
815 61l, as amended by this act;

816 [(4)] (8) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in
817 section 21a-420;

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

820 [(5)] (10) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
821 420; and

822 [(6)] (11) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided
823 in section 21a-420.

824 (b) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage
825 manufacturer and product manufacturer may manufacture, market,
826 cultivate or store hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp
827 products and commercial extracts from licensees in accordance with the
828 provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant to
829 [said] this chapter. A producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and

830 beverage manufacturer and product manufacturer [that obtains] may
831 obtain hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or
832 commercial extracts from a third party, and shall only obtain such
833 hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or commercial
834 extracts from a person authorized under the laws of this state or another
835 state, territory or possession of the United States or another sovereign
836 entity to possess and sell such hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC
837 hemp products or commercial extracts. An infused beverage
838 manufacturer, manufacturer or out-of-state edible manufacturer may
839 obtain commercial extracts only from a person authorized under the
840 laws of this state to produce or manufacture hemp products.

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

864 or out-of-state edible manufacturer shall obtain from an independent
865 testing laboratory, and retain, a certificate of analysis for commercial
866 extracts that complies with the laboratory testing standards established
867 in the policies, procedures and regulations adopted pursuant to section
868 21a-421j, and invoice and transport documents that evidence the
869 quantity purchased and date received.

870 Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 21a-425a of the general statutes is
871 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
872 *1, 2025*):

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

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

897 if such infused beverages were manufactured (i) in a facility located in,
898 and regulated by, another state, and (ii) by a person who is regulated as
899 a food or nonalcoholic beverage manufacturer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

922 (b) No infused beverage shall be sold to any individual who is
923 younger than twenty-one years of age. No owner, agent or employee of
924 a package store permitted under subsection (b) of section 30-20, [or] of
925 a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer or of a moderate-THC
926 hemp product vendor, as defined in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as

927 amended by this act, shall sell any infused beverage to an individual
928 without first verifying the individual's age with a valid government-
929 issued driver's license or identity card to establish that such individual
930 is twenty-one years of age or older.

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

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

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

945 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 21a-425c of the general statutes is
946 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
947 *1, 2025*):

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

955 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
956 subsection, a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, as defined in
957 subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as amended by this act, may sell

958 infused beverages in this state on or after October 1, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

972 (4) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section
973 21a-425;

974 [(4)] (5) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section
975 22-61l, as amended by this act;

976 [(5)] (6) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as
977 provided in section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

978 [(6)] (7) "Moderate-THC hemp product" (A) means a manufacturer
979 hemp product that has total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as
980 amended by this act, of not less than one-half of one milligram, and not
981 more than five milligrams, on a per-container basis, and (B) does not
982 include (i) an infused beverage, [as defined in section 21a-425,] or (ii) a
983 legacy infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425; and

984 [(7)] (8) "Moderate-THC hemp product vendor" means a person that
985 (A) holds a certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of

986 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section, and (B) is not a cannabis
987 establishment.

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

995 (c) (1) (A) [Beginning on January 1, 2025, a] A person seeking a
996 certificate of registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall
997 submit to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in a form and
998 manner prescribed by the commissioner, an application accompanied
999 by a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of two thousand five
1000 hundred dollars or, if the applicant actively holds a manufacturer
1001 license, in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars. Such
1002 application shall, at a minimum, disclose:

1003 (i) The location in the state where such person (I) currently sells or
1004 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC
1005 hemp products to consumers, and (II) proposes to sell or offer to sell, at
1006 retail, infused beverages to consumers; and

1007 (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,
1008 information sufficient for the commissioner to determine that:

1009 (I) During the preceding year, at least eighty-five per cent of the
1010 average monthly gross revenue generated at such existing retail location
1011 was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp products to
1012 consumers; or

1013 (II) It is reasonably likely that at least eighty-five per cent of the
1014 average monthly gross revenue to be generated at such proposed retail
1015 location will be derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp
1016 products and infused beverages to consumers.

1017 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, the
1018 commissioner shall not issue a certificate of registration as a moderate-
1019 THC hemp product vendor unless the commissioner has determined
1020 that the applicant satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the
1021 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this
1022 subdivision. Each such certificate shall expire annually, and shall allow
1023 the moderate-THC hemp product vendor to sell and offer to sell, at
1024 retail, moderate-THC hemp products and infused beverages to
1025 consumers at such location.

1026 (C) (i) No person seeking a certificate of registration as a moderate-
1027 THC hemp product vendor shall be required to disclose information
1028 sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to determine
1029 that such person satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the minimum
1030 sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision if
1031 such person (I) manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at the
1032 location in the state where such person sells or offers to sell, or proposes
1033 to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC hemp products to
1034 consumers, or (II) is actively licensed as a manufacturer and sells or
1035 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, to consumers
1036 moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such manufacturer.

1037 (ii) The commissioner may issue a certificate of registration as a
1038 moderate-THC hemp product vendor to a person that satisfies the
1039 criteria set forth in subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision even if such
1040 person does not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in
1041 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

1042 (2) (A) Each certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be
1043 renewable for additional one-year periods. Each moderate-THC hemp
1044 product vendor seeking renewal shall submit to the Commissioner of
1045 Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the
1046 commissioner, a renewal application accompanied by a nonrefundable
1047 renewal application fee in the amount of two thousand five hundred
1048 dollars or, if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor actively holds a
1049 manufacturer license, in the amount of one thousand five hundred

1050 dollars. Such application shall, at a minimum and except as provided in
1051 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, disclose information sufficient for
1052 the commissioner to determine that, during the preceding registration
1053 year, at least eighty-five per cent of the average monthly gross revenue
1054 generated at the moderate-THC hemp product vendor's registered retail
1055 location was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp
1056 products and infused beverages to consumers. Except as provided in
1057 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall not issue a
1058 renewal to a moderate-THC hemp product vendor unless the
1059 commissioner has determined that the moderate-THC hemp product
1060 vendor satisfied such minimum sales threshold.

1061 (B) (i) No moderate-THC hemp product vendor seeking renewal of a
1062 certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be required to disclose
1063 information sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to
1064 determine that such moderate-THC hemp product vendor satisfied the
1065 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this
1066 subdivision if (I) such moderate-THC hemp product vendor
1067 manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at such moderate-THC
1068 hemp product vendor's registered retail location, or (II) is actively
1069 licensed as a manufacturer and sells or offers to sell, at retail, to
1070 consumers moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such
1071 manufacturer.

1072 (ii) The commissioner may issue a renewal to a moderate-THC hemp
1073 product vendor that satisfies the criteria set forth in subparagraph (B)(i)
1074 of this subdivision even if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor did
1075 not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph
1076 (A) of this subdivision.

1077 (3) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be
1078 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
1079 in section 21a-8a.

1080 (d) No person may act as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, or
1081 represent that such person is a moderate-THC hemp product vendor,

1082 unless such person has obtained and actively holds a certificate of
1083 registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor issued by the
1084 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

1085 (e) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product
1086 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-
1087 THC hemp product vendor, shall sell a moderate-THC hemp product
1088 or an infused beverage to any individual who is younger than twenty-
1089 one years of age. Prior to selling any moderate-THC hemp product or
1090 infused beverage to an individual, the cannabis establishment,
1091 moderate-THC hemp product vendor, agent or employee shall first
1092 verify the individual's age with a valid government-issued driver's
1093 license or identity card to establish that such individual is twenty-one
1094 years of age or older.

1095 (f) No person shall sell any moderate-THC hemp product intended
1096 for human ingestion in packaging that includes more than two
1097 containers.

1098 (g) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet the standards set
1099 forth for manufacturer hemp products in subsections [(v),] (w), (x) and
1100 [(x)] (y) of section 22-61m, as amended by this act.

1101 (h) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet (1) the testing
1102 standards for manufacturer hemp products established in, and any
1103 regulations adopted pursuant to, section 22-61m, as amended by this
1104 act, or (2) such other testing standards for manufacturer hemp products
1105 as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the commissioner's
1106 discretion, may designate.

1107 (i) Each moderate-THC hemp product container shall prominently
1108 display a symbol, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch
1109 and in a format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,
1110 that indicates that such moderate-THC hemp product is not legal or safe
1111 for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age.

1112 (j) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product

1113 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-
1114 THC hemp product vendor, shall gift or transfer any moderate-THC
1115 hemp product or infused beverage at no cost to a consumer as part of a
1116 commercial transaction.

1117 (k) All sales of infused beverages under this section shall be made in
1118 accordance with the provisions of section 21a-425b, as amended by this
1119 act.

1120 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) Each moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall be subject to
1121 the investigation and enforcement provisions set forth in section 21a-
1122 421p.

1123 ~~[(l)]~~ (m) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
1124 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
1125 implement the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the
1126 requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, the commissioner
1127 shall, prior to adopting such regulations and in order to effectuate the
1128 provisions of this section, issue policies and procedures to implement
1129 the provisions of this section that shall have the force and effect of law.
1130 The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the
1131 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site, and submit
1132 such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on
1133 the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date
1134 of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer
1135 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or
1136 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight
1137 months from July 1, 2024, if such regulations have not been submitted
1138 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under
1139 section 4-170.

1140 ~~[(m)]~~ (n) Following a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter
1141 54, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose an
1142 administrative civil penalty, not to exceed five thousand dollars per
1143 violation, and suspend, revoke or place conditions upon any moderate-
1144 THC hemp product vendor that violates any provision of this section or

1145 any regulation adopted pursuant to subsection [(l)] (m) of this section.
 1146 Any administrative civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be
 1147 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
 1148 in section 21a-8a.

1149 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section,
 1150 "infused beverage container" (1) means an object that is offered,
 1151 intended for sale or sold to a consumer and directly contains an infused
 1152 beverage, and (2) does not include an object or packaging that indirectly
 1153 contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes, an infused
 1154 beverage.

1155 (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by a moderate-THC hemp
 1156 product vendor on each infused beverage container sold by such
 1157 moderate-THC hemp product vendor. Such fee shall not be subject to
 1158 any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to any provision of the
 1159 general statutes.

1160 (c) On April 1, 2026, and every six months thereafter, each moderate-
 1161 THC hemp product vendor shall remit payment to the Department of
 1162 Consumer Protection for each infused beverage container sold during
 1163 the preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department
 1164 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer
 1165 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the
 1166 general statutes for the purposes of (1) protecting public health and
 1167 safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring
 1168 compliance with cannabis and hemp laws."

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	21a-240(29) to (62)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-61l(a)
Sec. 3	<i>November 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	22-61m(i) to (aa)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	22-61n

Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-425a(f)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	21a-425b
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-425c(b)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-426
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section