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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4 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) No person shall manufacture, advertise, offer or sell commercial 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 thirty 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 or infused beverage manufacturer,  
418 and no holder of a commercial extractor license shall hold a cannabis  
419 establishment, manufacturer or infused beverage manufacturer license.  
420 In issuing commercial extractor licenses, the department shall prioritize  
421 manufacturers licensed on November 1, 2025, and applicants who have  
422 an application for an initial manufacturer license pending on November  
423 1, 2025, provided any such manufacturer or applicant who receives a  
424 manufacturer license shall be deemed to have immediately surrendered  
425 such manufacturer license upon issuance of a commercial extractor  
426 license.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

467 (h) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, product  
468 manufacturer, food and beverage manufacturer, manufacturer, infused  
469 beverage manufacturer or out-of-state edible manufacturer that receives



470 commercial extract from a commercial extractor shall not further  
471 distribute such commercial extract, and shall incorporate such  
472 commercial extract into a hemp or cannabis product for the purpose of  
473 resale, which product shall comply with all total THC concentration  
474 limits.

475 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

484 (5) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section  
485 21a-420 of the general statutes;

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

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

490 (b) No person shall manufacture an out-of-state edible in this state  
491 unless the Department of Consumer Protection has issued an out-of-  
492 state edible manufacturer license to such person pursuant to this section.

493 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection may issue or renew a  
494 license for a person to be an out-of-state edible manufacturer. Each out-  
495 of-state edible manufacturer license issued pursuant to this section shall  
496 authorize the holder of such license to manufacture out-of-state edibles  
497 in this state to be advertised, offered and sold outside of this state. The

498 department shall not issue an out-of-state edible manufacturer license  
499 to a cannabis establishment, manufacturer or infused beverage  
500 manufacturer, and no holder of an out-of-state edible manufacturer  
501 license shall hold a cannabis establishment, manufacturer or infused  
502 beverage manufacturer license.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

552 ~~[(i) (1)]~~ (j) Each manufacturer shall follow the protocol in this  
553 subsection for disposing of cannabis in the event that any hemp or  
554 manufacturer hemp product is deemed to exceed the prescribed THC  
555 concentration, as determined by the Commissioner of Consumer  
556 Protection, or a manufacturer licensee in possession of hemp or hemp  
557 products who desires to dispose of obsolete, misbranded, excess or  
558 otherwise undesired product. Each manufacturer licensee shall be  
559 responsible for all costs of disposal of hemp samples and any hemp

560 produced by such licensee that violates the provisions of this section or  
561 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section. Any [cannabis] hemp  
562 or manufacturer hemp product that exceeds the prescribed THC  
563 concentration allowable in hemp or manufacturer hemp products shall  
564 be immediately embargoed by such manufacturer and clearly labeled as  
565 adulterated by such licensee and such licensee shall immediately notify  
566 both the Department of Consumer Protection and the Department of  
567 Agriculture, in writing, of such adulterated product. Such adulterated  
568 product shall be destroyed and disposed of by the following method, as  
569 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

570 [(A)] (1) Surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or  
571 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer  
572 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of  
573 such adulterated product; or

574 [(B)] (2) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
575 Consumer Protection.

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

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

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

587 (2) The manner of disposal or destruction;

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

590 (4) The signatures of the persons disposing of the hemp or hemp  
591 products, the authorized representative of the Commissioner of  
592 Consumer Protection and any other persons present during the  
593 disposal.

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

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

621 [(m)] (n) An independent testing laboratory shall immediately return  
622 or dispose of any hemp or manufacturer hemp product upon the

623 completion of any testing, use or research. If an independent testing  
624 laboratory disposes of hemp or manufacturer hemp products, the  
625 laboratory shall dispose of such hemp in the following manner, as  
626 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

627 (1) By surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or  
628 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer  
629 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of  
630 such hemp or hemp product; or

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

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

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

650 (2) If a remediation plan sufficient to ensure public health and safety  
651 is submitted to and approved by the commissioner, remediate the  
652 manufacturer hemp product batch from which the sample was taken  
653 and have a laboratory employee randomly select a sample from such

654 remediated manufacturer hemp product batch for testing. If such  
655 randomly selected sample yields satisfactory results for any testing  
656 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory  
657 shall randomly select a different sample from the same manufacturer  
658 hemp product batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results  
659 for all testing required under this section, the [hemp] batch from which  
660 the samples were taken may be released for [manufacturing, processing  
661 or] sale; or

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

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

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

681 [(q)] (r) Manufacturers shall maintain records required by the federal  
682 act, this section, any regulation adopted pursuant to this section and the  
683 policies, procedures and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
684 Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-421j. Each manufacturer  
685 shall make such records available to the Department of Consumer

686 Protection immediately upon request and in electronic format, if  
687 available.

688 [(r)] (s) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
689 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
690 implement the provisions of this section including, but not limited to,  
691 establishing sampling and testing procedures to ensure compliance  
692 with this section, prescribing storage and disposal procedures for  
693 [hemp, marijuana and] manufacturer hemp products that fail to pass  
694 Department of Consumer Protection prescribed independent testing  
695 laboratory testing standards and establishing advertising and labeling  
696 requirements for manufacturer hemp products.

697 [(s)] (t) Any claim of health impacts, medical effects or physical or  
698 mental benefits shall be prohibited on any advertising for, labeling of or  
699 marketing of manufacturer hemp products regardless of whether such  
700 manufacturer hemp products were manufactured in this state or  
701 another jurisdiction. Any violation of this subsection shall be deemed an  
702 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-  
703 110b.

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

714 [(u)] (v) (1) Any person who sells manufacturer hemp products shall  
715 not be required to be licensed, provided such person only engages in:  
716 (A) The retail or wholesale sale of low-THC manufacturer hemp  
717 products in which no further manufacturing of hemp occurs, provided



718 such low-THC manufacturer hemp products are acquired from a person  
719 authorized to manufacture the manufacturer hemp products under the  
720 laws of this state or another state, territory or possession of the United  
721 States or another sovereign entity; (B) the acquisition of manufacturer  
722 hemp products for the sole purpose of product distribution for resale;  
723 and (C) the retail sale of manufacturer hemp products that is authorized  
724 under federal or state law.

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

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

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

747 [(x)] (y) No manufacturer hemp product that is a food, beverage, oil  
748 or other product intended for human ingestion shall be distributed or  
749 sold in this state unless such product is contained within a package, or

750 a label is affixed to such package, that includes:

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

754 (A) The name of such product;

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

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

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

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

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

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

767 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of  
768 children; and

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

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

774 [(y)] (z) No manufacturer hemp product that is a topical, soap or  
775 cosmetic, as defined in section 21a-92, shall be distributed or sold in this

776 state unless such product is contained within a package, or a label is  
777 affixed to such package, that includes:

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

782 (A) The name of such product;

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

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

787 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such batch,  
788 including, but not limited to, total THC and any marketed cannabinoids;

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

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

791 "THE FDA HAS NOT EVALUATED THIS PRODUCT FOR SAFETY  
792 OR EFFICACY."

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

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

804 products shall not be considered a controlled substance or adulterant.

805 Sec. 6. Section 22-61n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
806 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

807 (a) As used in this section:

808 (1) "Cannabis product" has the same meaning as provided in section  
809 21a-420;

810 [(1)] (2) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
811 420;

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

814 [(2)] (4) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l,  
815 as amended by this act;

816 [(3)] (5) "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in  
817 section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

818 (6) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
819 21a-425;

820 (7) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-  
821 61l, as amended by this act;

822 [(4)] (8) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in  
823 section 21a-420;

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

826 [(5)] (10) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
827 420; and

828 [(6)] (11) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided  
829 in section 21a-420.

830 (b) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage  
831 manufacturer and product manufacturer may manufacture, market,  
832 cultivate or store hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp  
833 products and commercial extracts from licensees in accordance with the  
834 provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant to  
835 [said] this chapter. A producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and  
836 beverage manufacturer and product manufacturer [that obtains] may  
837 obtain hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or  
838 commercial extracts from a third party, and shall only obtain such  
839 hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or commercial  
840 extracts from a person authorized under the laws of this state or another  
841 state, territory or possession of the United States or another sovereign  
842 entity to possess and sell such hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC  
843 hemp products or commercial extracts. An infused beverage  
844 manufacturer, manufacturer or out-of-state edible manufacturer may  
845 obtain commercial extracts only from a person authorized under the  
846 laws of this state to produce or manufacture hemp products.

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

864 infused beverage manufacturer or out-of-state edible manufacturer  
865 shall retain a copy of the certificate of analysis for purchased hemp, [or]  
866 hemp products or high-THC hemp products, and invoice and transport  
867 documents that evidence the quantity purchased and date received. A  
868 producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer,  
869 product manufacturer, manufacturer, infused beverage manufacturer  
870 or out-of-state edible manufacturer shall obtain from an independent  
871 testing laboratory, and retain, a certificate of analysis for commercial  
872 extracts that complies with the laboratory testing standards established  
873 in the policies, procedures and regulations adopted pursuant to section  
874 21a-421j, and invoice and transport documents that evidence the  
875 quantity purchased and date received.

876 Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 21a-425a of the general statutes is  
877 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
878 *1, 2025*):

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

886 (2) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, a] A dispensary facility, hybrid  
887 retailer, [or] retailer or moderate-THC hemp product vendor, as defined  
888 in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as amended by this act, before  
889 selling an infused beverage to a consumer in this state, or wholesaler  
890 permittee, before selling an infused beverage to a package store  
891 permittee under subsection (b) of section 30-20, shall, based on a  
892 representative sample of the infused beverage containers included in  
893 the shipment that includes such infused beverage, (A) verify that the  
894 infused beverages included in such shipment satisfy the requirements  
895 established in subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this section and any  
896 regulations adopted, and policies and procedures issued, pursuant to

897 subsection (k) of this section, and (B) for the purpose of preserving  
898 public health and safety, verify that the infused beverages included in  
899 such shipment were manufactured in accordance with requirements  
900 that are substantially similar to the requirements established in  
901 subsections (d) and (e) of this section and any regulations adopted, and  
902 policies and procedures issued, pursuant to subsection (k) of this section  
903 if such infused beverages were manufactured (i) in a facility located in,  
904 and regulated by, another state, and (ii) by a person who is regulated as  
905 a food or nonalcoholic beverage manufacturer.

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

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

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

916 (B) If the infused beverage is sold at a dispensary facility, hybrid  
917 retailer or retailer, the infused beverage is stored and displayed  
918 separately from any cannabis, in the same manner provided for  
919 manufacturer hemp products, in accordance with section 21a-409, 21a-  
920 420s or 21a-420r, respectively; and

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

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

928 (b) No infused beverage shall be sold to any individual who is  
929 younger than twenty-one years of age. No owner, agent or employee of  
930 a package store permitted under subsection (b) of section 30-20, [or] of  
931 a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer or of a moderate-THC  
932 hemp product vendor, as defined in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as  
933 amended by this act, shall sell any infused beverage to an individual  
934 without first verifying the individual's age with a valid government-  
935 issued driver's license or identity card to establish that such individual  
936 is twenty-one years of age or older.

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

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

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

951 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 21a-425c of the general statutes is  
952 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
953 *1, 2025*):

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



959 425d, shall sell, at retail, any infused beverage or legacy infused  
960 beverage in this state on or after July 1, 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

978 (4) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
979 21a-425;

980 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section  
981 22-61l, as amended by this act;

982 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as  
983 provided in section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

984 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) "Moderate-THC hemp product" (A) means a manufacturer  
985 hemp product that has total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as  
986 amended by this act, of not less than one-half of one milligram, and not

987 more than five milligrams, on a per-container basis, and (B) does not  
988 include (i) an infused beverage, [as defined in section 21a-425,] or (ii) a  
989 legacy infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425; and

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

994 (b) [Beginning on January 1, 2025, no] No person shall sell or offer to  
995 sell, at retail, any moderate-THC hemp product in the state to  
996 consumers unless such person is a cannabis establishment or holds a  
997 certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of Consumer  
998 Protection pursuant to this section. The provisions of this section shall  
999 not apply to the wholesale or commercial distribution of moderate-THC  
1000 hemp products for resale.

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

1009 (i) The location in the state where such person (I) currently sells or  
1010 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC  
1011 hemp products to consumers, and (II) proposes to sell or offer to sell, at  
1012 retail, infused beverages to consumers; and

1013 (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,  
1014 information sufficient for the commissioner to determine that:

1015 (I) During the preceding year, at least eighty-five per cent of the  
1016 average monthly gross revenue generated at such existing retail location  
1017 was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp products to

1018 consumers; or

1019 (II) It is reasonably likely that at least eighty-five per cent of the  
1020 average monthly gross revenue to be generated at such proposed retail  
1021 location will be derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp  
1022 products and infused beverages to consumers.

1023 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, the  
1024 commissioner shall not issue a certificate of registration as a moderate-  
1025 THC hemp product vendor unless the commissioner has determined  
1026 that the applicant satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the  
1027 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this  
1028 subdivision. Each such certificate shall expire annually, and shall allow  
1029 the moderate-THC hemp product vendor to sell and offer to sell, at  
1030 retail, moderate-THC hemp products and infused beverages to  
1031 consumers at such location.

1032 (C) (i) No person seeking a certificate of registration as a moderate-  
1033 THC hemp product vendor shall be required to disclose information  
1034 sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to determine  
1035 that such person satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the minimum  
1036 sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision if  
1037 such person (I) manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at the  
1038 location in the state where such person sells or offers to sell, or proposes  
1039 to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC hemp products to  
1040 consumers, or (II) is actively licensed as a manufacturer and sells or  
1041 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, to consumers  
1042 moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such manufacturer.

1043 (ii) The commissioner may issue a certificate of registration as a  
1044 moderate-THC hemp product vendor to a person that satisfies the  
1045 criteria set forth in subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision even if such  
1046 person does not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in  
1047 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

1048 (2) (A) Each certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be

1049 renewable for additional one-year periods. Each moderate-THC hemp  
1050 product vendor seeking renewal shall submit to the Commissioner of  
1051 Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
1052 commissioner, a renewal application accompanied by a nonrefundable  
1053 renewal application fee in the amount of two thousand five hundred  
1054 dollars or, if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor actively holds a  
1055 manufacturer license, in the amount of one thousand five hundred  
1056 dollars. Such application shall, at a minimum and except as provided in  
1057 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, disclose information sufficient for  
1058 the commissioner to determine that, during the preceding registration  
1059 year, at least eighty-five per cent of the average monthly gross revenue  
1060 generated at the moderate-THC hemp product vendor's registered retail  
1061 location was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp  
1062 products and infused beverages to consumers. Except as provided in  
1063 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall not issue a  
1064 renewal to a moderate-THC hemp product vendor unless the  
1065 commissioner has determined that the moderate-THC hemp product  
1066 vendor satisfied such minimum sales threshold.

1067 (B) (i) No moderate-THC hemp product vendor seeking renewal of a  
1068 certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be required to disclose  
1069 information sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to  
1070 determine that such moderate-THC hemp product vendor satisfied the  
1071 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this  
1072 subdivision if (I) such moderate-THC hemp product vendor  
1073 manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at such moderate-THC  
1074 hemp product vendor's registered retail location, or (II) is actively  
1075 licensed as a manufacturer and sells or offers to sell, at retail, to  
1076 consumers moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such  
1077 manufacturer.

1078 (ii) The commissioner may issue a renewal to a moderate-THC hemp  
1079 product vendor that satisfies the criteria set forth in subparagraph (B)(i)  
1080 of this subdivision even if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor did  
1081 not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph

1082 (A) of this subdivision.

1083 (3) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be  
1084 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established  
1085 in section 21a-8a.

1086 (d) No person may act as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, or  
1087 represent that such person is a moderate-THC hemp product vendor,  
1088 unless such person has obtained and actively holds a certificate of  
1089 registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor issued by the  
1090 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

1091 (e) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product  
1092 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-  
1093 THC hemp product vendor, shall sell a moderate-THC hemp product  
1094 or an infused beverage to any individual who is younger than twenty-  
1095 one years of age. Prior to selling any moderate-THC hemp product or  
1096 infused beverage to an individual, the cannabis establishment,  
1097 moderate-THC hemp product vendor, agent or employee shall first  
1098 verify the individual's age with a valid government-issued driver's  
1099 license or identity card to establish that such individual is twenty-one  
1100 years of age or older.

1101 (f) No person shall sell any moderate-THC hemp product intended  
1102 for human ingestion in packaging that includes more than two  
1103 containers.

1104 (g) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet the standards set  
1105 forth for manufacturer hemp products in subsections [(v),] (w), (x) and  
1106 [(x)] (y) of section 22-61m, as amended by this act.

1107 (h) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet (1) the testing  
1108 standards for manufacturer hemp products established in, and any  
1109 regulations adopted pursuant to, section 22-61m, as amended by this  
1110 act, or (2) such other testing standards for manufacturer hemp products  
1111 as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the commissioner's  
1112 discretion, may designate.

1113 (i) Each moderate-THC hemp product container shall prominently  
1114 display a symbol, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch  
1115 and in a format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
1116 that indicates that such moderate-THC hemp product is not legal or safe  
1117 for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age.

1118 (j) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product  
1119 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-  
1120 THC hemp product vendor, shall gift or transfer any moderate-THC  
1121 hemp product or infused beverage at no cost to a consumer as part of a  
1122 commercial transaction.

1123 (k) All sales of infused beverages under this section shall be made in  
1124 accordance with the provisions of section 21a-425b, as amended by this  
1125 act.

1126 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) Each moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall be subject to  
1127 the investigation and enforcement provisions set forth in section 21a-  
1128 421p.

1129 ~~[(l)]~~ (m) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt  
1130 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
1131 implement the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the  
1132 requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, the commissioner  
1133 shall, prior to adopting such regulations and in order to effectuate the  
1134 provisions of this section, issue policies and procedures to implement  
1135 the provisions of this section that shall have the force and effect of law.  
1136 The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the  
1137 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site, and submit  
1138 such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on  
1139 the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date  
1140 of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer  
1141 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or  
1142 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight  
1143 months from July 1, 2024, if such regulations have not been submitted  
1144 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under

1145 section 4-170.

1146       [(m)] (n) Following a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter  
1147 54, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose an  
1148 administrative civil penalty, not to exceed five thousand dollars per  
1149 violation, and suspend, revoke or place conditions upon any moderate-  
1150 THC hemp product vendor that violates any provision of this section or  
1151 any regulation adopted pursuant to subsection [(l)] (m) of this section.  
1152 Any administrative civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be  
1153 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established  
1154 in section 21a-8a.

1155       Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section,  
1156 "infused beverage container" (1) means an object that is offered,  
1157 intended for sale or sold to a consumer and directly contains an infused  
1158 beverage, and (2) does not include an object or packaging that indirectly  
1159 contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes, an infused  
1160 beverage.

1161       (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by a moderate-THC hemp  
1162 product vendor on each infused beverage container sold by such  
1163 moderate-THC hemp product vendor. Such fee shall not be subject to  
1164 any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to any provision of the  
1165 general statutes.

1166       (c) On April 1, 2026, and every six months thereafter, each moderate-  
1167 THC hemp product vendor shall remit payment to the Department of  
1168 Consumer Protection for each infused beverage container sold during  
1169 the preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department  
1170 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer  
1171 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the  
1172 general statutes for the purposes of (1) protecting public health and  
1173 safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring  
1174 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