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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4 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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; or (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.

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

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

61 (31) "Nurse" means a person performing nursing as defined in section
62 20-87a.

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

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

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

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

76 (36) "Other stimulant and depressant drugs" means controlled
77 substances other than amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-
78 type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenics and morphine-type which are found
79 to exert a stimulant and depressant effect upon the higher functions of

80 the central nervous system and which are found to have a potential for
81 abuse and are controlled substances under this chapter.

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

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

90 (39) "Pharmacy" means an establishment licensed pursuant to section
91 20-594.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

141 methyl isobutyl ketone; nitrous oxide; pentochlorophenol; toluene;
142 toluol; trichloroethane; trichloroethylene; 1,4 butanediol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

166 (57) "Unit dose drug distribution system" means a drug distribution
167 system used in a hospital or chronic and convalescent nursing home in
168 which drugs are supplied in individually labeled unit of use packages,
169 each patient's supply of drugs is exchanged between the hospital

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

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

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

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

198 (61) "Manufactured cannabinoid" means cannabinoids created by
199 directly converting one cannabinoid to a different cannabinoid through:
200 (A) Application of light or heat; (B) decarboxylation of naturally
201 occurring acidic forms of cannabinoids; or (C) an alternate extraction or

202 conversion process approved by the Department of Consumer
203 Protection and published on the department's Internet web site.

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

214 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 22-61l of the general statutes is
215 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
216 *passage*):

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

229 (1) "Cannabidiol" or "CBD" means the nonpsychotropic compound by
230 the same name;

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

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

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

253 [(3)] (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture, or
254 the commissioner's designated agent;

255 [(4)] (6) "Cultivate" means to plant, grow, harvest, handle and store a
256 plant or crop;

257 [(5)] (7) "Federal act" means the United States Agricultural Marketing
258 Act of 1946, 7 USC 1639o et seq., as amended from time to time;

259 [(6)] (8) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

260 [(7)] (9) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in the federal act;

261 [(8)] (10) "Hemp products" means all manufacturer hemp products
262 and producer hemp products;

263 [(9)] (11) "Independent testing laboratory" means a facility:

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

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

269 (ii) Cultivates, processes, distributes, dispenses or sells marijuana;
270 and

271 (B) That is accredited as a laboratory in compliance with section 21a-
272 408-59 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies;

273 [(10)] (12) "Laboratory" means a laboratory that meets the
274 requirements of 7 CFR 990.3 and that is accredited as a testing laboratory
275 to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-
276 party accrediting body such as the American Association for Laboratory
277 Accreditation or the Assured Calibration and Laboratory Accreditation
278 Select Services;

279 [(11)] (13) "Law enforcement agency" means the Connecticut State
280 Police, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the
281 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Consumer Protection
282 Drug Control Division or any other federal, state or local law
283 enforcement agency or drug suppression unit;

284 [(12)] (14) "Licensee" means an individual or entity that possesses a
285 license to produce or manufacture hemp or hemp products in this state;

286 [(13)] (15) "Manufacture" means the conversion of the hemp plant into
287 a by-product or an extract by means of (A) adding heat, [solvents or] (B)
288 decarboxylation, (C) adding (i) a Class 3 organic solvent within the
289 meaning of the most recent United States Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467,
290 as amended from time to time, or (ii) another solvent approved by the
291 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, (D) ethanol extraction, (E)

292 carbon dioxide extraction, (F) a solventless extraction method,
293 including, but not limited to, the use of ice water, rosin pressing, dry
294 sifting or steam distillation, or (G) any method of extraction that
295 modifies the original composition of the plant for the purpose of
296 creating a manufacturer hemp product for commercial or research
297 purposes;

298 [(14)] (16) "Manufacturer" means a person in the state licensed by the
299 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to manufacture, handle, store
300 and market manufacturer hemp products pursuant to the provisions of
301 section 22-61m, as amended by this act, and any regulation adopted
302 pursuant to section 22-61m, as amended by this act;

303 [(15)] (17) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section
304 21a-240, as amended by this act;

305 [(16)] (18) "Market" or "marketing" means promoting, distributing or
306 selling a hemp product within the state, in another state or outside of
307 the United States and includes efforts to advertise and gather
308 information about the needs or preferences of potential consumers or
309 suppliers;

310 [(17)] (19) "On-site manager" means the individual designated by the
311 producer license applicant or producer responsible for on-site
312 management and operations of a licensed producer;

313 [(18)] (20) "Pesticide" has the same meaning as "pesticide chemical" as
314 provided in section 21a-92;

315 [(19)] (21) "Lot" means a contiguous area in a field, greenhouse or
316 indoor growing structure containing the same variety or strain of hemp
317 throughout the area;

318 [(20)] (22) "Post-harvest sample" means a representative sample of the
319 form of hemp taken from the harvested hemp from a particular lot's
320 harvest that is collected in accordance with the procedures established
321 by the commissioner;

322 [(21)] (23) "Pre-harvest sample" means a composite, representative
323 portion from plants in a hemp lot, that is collected in accordance with
324 the procedures established by the commissioner;

325 [(22)] (24) "Produce" means to cultivate hemp or create any producer
326 hemp product;

327 [(23)] (25) "State plan" means a state plan, as described in the federal
328 act and as authorized pursuant to this section;

329 [(24)] (26) "THC" means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol;

330 [(25)] (27) "Controlled Substances Act" or "CSA" means the
331 Controlled Substances Act as codified in 21 USC 801 et seq.;

332 [(26)] (28) "Criminal history report" means the fingerprint-based state
333 and national criminal history record information obtained in accordance
334 with section 29-17a;

335 [(27)] (29) "Drug Enforcement Administration" or "DEA" means the
336 United States Drug Enforcement Administration;

337 [(28)] (30) "Farm service agency" or "FSA" means an agency of the
338 United States Department of Agriculture;

339 [(29)] (31) "Key participant" means a sole proprietor, a partner in
340 partnership or a person with executive managerial control in an entity,
341 including persons such as a chief executive officer, chief operating
342 officer and chief financial officer;

343 [(30)] (32) "Manufacturer hemp product" (A) means a commodity
344 manufactured from the hemp plant, for commercial or research
345 purposes, that (i) is intended for human ingestion, inhalation,
346 absorption or other internal consumption, [that] and (ii) contains a THC
347 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per
348 volume or weight of such manufacturer hemp product, and (B) does not
349 include an infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425;

350 [(31)] (33) "Producer" means an individual or entity licensed by the
351 commissioner to produce and market producer hemp products
352 pursuant to the federal act, the state plan, the provisions of this section
353 and the regulations adopted pursuant to this section;

354 [(32)] (34) "Producer hemp product" means any of the following
355 produced in this state: Raw hemp product, fiber-based hemp product or
356 animal hemp food product, and each of which contains a THC
357 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per
358 volume or weight of such producer hemp product;

359 [(33)] (35) "USDA" means the United States Department of
360 Agriculture;

361 [(34)] (36) "Entity" means a corporation, joint stock company,
362 association, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited
363 liability company, irrevocable trust, estate, charitable organization or
364 other similar organization, including any such organization
365 participating in the hemp production as a partner in a general
366 partnership, a participant in a joint venture or a participant in a similar
367 organization; [and]

368 [(35)] (37) "Homogenize" means to blend hemp into a mixture that
369 has a uniform quality and content throughout such mixture; and

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

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

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

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

378 (3) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as

379 provided in section 21a-420 of the general statutes;

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

382 (5) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section
383 21a-420 of the general statutes;

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

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

388 (b) No person shall manufacture, advertise, offer or sell commercial
389 extract in this state unless such person is (1) a cannabis establishment,
390 or (2) located in this state and the Department of Consumer Protection
391 has issued a commercial extractor license to such person pursuant to this
392 section.

393 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection may issue or renew not
394 more than ten licenses for a person to be a commercial extractor. Each
395 commercial extractor license issued pursuant to this section shall be
396 issued to a manufacturer who held an active manufacturer license on
397 July 1, 2025, and maintains an active manufacturer license until the date
398 on which the department issues a commercial extractor license to such
399 manufacturer pursuant to this section. Each commercial extractor
400 license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize the holder of such
401 license to manufacture, advertise, offer and sell commercial extract in
402 this state to producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product
403 manufacturers, food and beverage manufacturers, manufacturers and
404 infused beverage manufacturers. The department shall not issue a
405 commercial extractor license to a cannabis establishment or infused
406 beverage manufacturer, and no holder of a commercial extractor license
407 shall hold a cannabis establishment, manufacturer or infused beverage
408 manufacturer license. Any manufacturer who receives a commercial
409 extractor license shall be deemed to have immediately surrendered such

410 manufacturer license upon issuance of such commercial extractor
411 license.

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

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

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

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

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

441 (g) (1) No cannabis establishment or commercial extractor licensed
442 under this section shall (A) advertise, offer or sell commercial extract to
443 any person (i) other than a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator,
444 product manufacturer, food and beverage manufacturer, manufacturer
445 or infused beverage manufacturer, and (ii) outside of this state, or (B)
446 manufacture or process commercial extract that contains any
447 concentrate, oil or extract from hemp that was not manufactured by the
448 commercial extractor.

449 (2) A commercial extractor may combine one or more commercial
450 extracts, provided such commercial extracts were manufactured by such
451 commercial extractor.

452 (h) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, product
453 manufacturer, food and beverage manufacturer, manufacturer or
454 infused beverage manufacturer that receives commercial extract from a
455 commercial extractor shall not further distribute such commercial
456 extract, and shall incorporate such commercial extract into a hemp or
457 cannabis product for the purpose of resale, which product shall comply
458 with all total THC concentration limits.

459 Sec. 4. Subsections (i) to (aa), inclusive, of section 22-61m of the
460 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
461 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

462 (i) (1) Each manufacturer shall ensure that an independent testing
463 laboratory tests samples from each batch of a manufacturer hemp
464 product prior to any sale of such manufacturer hemp product. The
465 testing shall ensure that the manufacturer hemp product complies with
466 all testing requirements and standards set forth in the laboratory testing
467 standards established in policies, procedures and regulations adopted
468 by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j, except: (A) Such
469 testing shall occur after the manufacturer hemp product has undergone
470 all manufacturing by such manufacturer prior to sale; and (B) such
471 manufacturer hemp product shall not be required to be in final
472 packaging prior to such testing.

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

476 ~~[(i) (1)]~~ (j) Each manufacturer shall follow the protocol in this
477 subsection for disposing of cannabis in the event that any hemp or
478 manufacturer hemp product is deemed to exceed the prescribed THC
479 concentration, as determined by the Commissioner of Consumer
480 Protection, or a manufacturer licensee in possession of hemp or hemp
481 products who desires to dispose of obsolete, misbranded, excess or
482 otherwise undesired product. Each manufacturer licensee shall be
483 responsible for all costs of disposal of hemp samples and any hemp
484 produced by such licensee that violates the provisions of this section or
485 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section. Any ~~[cannabis]~~ hemp
486 or manufacturer hemp product that exceeds the prescribed THC
487 concentration allowable in hemp or manufacturer hemp products shall
488 be immediately embargoed by such manufacturer and clearly labeled as
489 adulterated by such licensee and such licensee shall immediately notify
490 both the Department of Consumer Protection and the Department of
491 Agriculture, in writing, of such adulterated product. Such adulterated
492 product shall be destroyed and disposed of by the following method, as
493 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

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

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

500 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
501 subsection, upon written request of a manufacturer, the Commissioner
502 of Consumer Protection may permit such manufacturer to combine
503 different batches of raw hemp plant material to achieve a THC
504 concentration of 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, in lieu of embargo

505 or destruction.]

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

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

511 (2) The manner of disposal or destruction;

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

514 (4) The signatures of the persons disposing of the hemp or hemp
515 products, the authorized representative of the Commissioner of
516 Consumer Protection and any other persons present during the
517 disposal.

518 [(k)] (l) Any hemp intended to be manufactured by a manufacturer
519 into a manufacturer hemp product shall be [tested by an independent
520 testing laboratory located in this state. A manufacturer licensee shall
521 make available samples, in an amount and type determined by the
522 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of hemp for an independent
523 testing laboratory employee to select random samples. The independent
524 testing laboratory shall test each sample in accordance with the
525 laboratory testing standards established in policies, procedures and
526 regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j]
527 accompanied by a certificate of analysis from an independent testing
528 laboratory confirming that such hemp contains not more than three-
529 tenths per cent total THC on a dry weight basis.

530 [(l)] (m) Once a batch of hemp, intended to be sold as a manufacturer
531 hemp product, has been homogenized for sample testing and eventual
532 packaging and sale, until such time as the independent testing
533 laboratory provides the results from its tests and analysis, the
534 manufacturer shall segregate and withhold from use and sale the entire

535 batch of hemp that is intended for use as a manufacturer hemp product,
536 except the samples that have been removed by the independent testing
537 laboratory for testing. During this period of segregation, the
538 manufacturer licensee shall maintain the hemp batch in a secure, cool
539 and dry location, as prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
540 Protection, so as to prevent the hemp from becoming adulterated. Such
541 manufacturer shall not manufacture or sell a manufacturer hemp
542 product prior to the time that the independent testing laboratory
543 completes testing and analysis and provides such results, in writing, to
544 the manufacturer licensee who initiated such testing.

545 [(m)] (n) An independent testing laboratory shall immediately return
546 or dispose of any hemp or manufacturer hemp product upon the
547 completion of any testing, use or research. If an independent testing
548 laboratory disposes of hemp or manufacturer hemp products, the
549 laboratory shall dispose of such hemp in the following manner, as
550 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

551 (1) By surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or
552 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer
553 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of
554 such hemp or hemp product; or

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

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

563 (1) Retest and reanalyze the manufacturer hemp product from which
564 the sample was taken by having an employee from the same laboratory
565 randomly select another sample from the same manufacturer hemp

566 product batch. If the sample used to retest or reanalyze such
567 manufacturer hemp product yields satisfactory results for all testing
568 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory
569 shall randomly select a different sample from the same manufacturer
570 hemp product batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results
571 for all testing required under this section, the [hemp] batch from which
572 the samples were taken shall be released for [manufacturing, processing
573 and] sale;

574 (2) If a remediation plan sufficient to ensure public health and safety
575 is submitted to and approved by the commissioner, remediate the
576 manufacturer hemp product batch from which the sample was taken
577 and have a laboratory employee randomly select a sample from such
578 remediated manufacturer hemp product batch for testing. If such
579 randomly selected sample yields satisfactory results for any testing
580 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory
581 shall randomly select a different sample from the same manufacturer
582 hemp product batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results
583 for all testing required under this section, the [hemp] batch from which
584 the samples were taken may be released for [manufacturing, processing
585 or] sale; or

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

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

596 [(p)] (q) The independent testing laboratory shall file with the
597 Department of Consumer Protection an electronic copy of each

laboratory test result for any batch that does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy metal or pesticide chemical residue test, at the same time that it transmits such results to the manufacturer licensee who requested such testing. Each independent testing laboratory shall maintain the test results of each tested batch for a period of three years and shall make such results available to the Department of Consumer Protection upon request.

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

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

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

[(t)] (u) Not later than February 1, 2020, the Commissioners of Agriculture and Consumer Protection shall submit a report, in

630 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
631 committee of the [~~general assembly~~] General Assembly having
632 cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status of the
633 pilot program, the development of the state plan and any regulations
634 for such pilot program or state plan. Such report shall also include any
635 legislative recommendations, including, but not limited to, any
636 recommendations for requiring the registration of any manufacturer
637 hemp product offered for sale in this state.

638 [(u)] (v) (1) Any person who sells manufacturer hemp products shall
639 not be required to be licensed, provided such person only engages in:
640 (A) The retail or wholesale sale of low-THC manufacturer hemp
641 products in which no further manufacturing of hemp occurs, provided
642 such low-THC manufacturer hemp products are acquired from a person
643 authorized to manufacture the manufacturer hemp products under the
644 laws of this state or another state, territory or possession of the United
645 States or another sovereign entity; (B) the acquisition of manufacturer
646 hemp products for the sole purpose of product distribution for resale;
647 and (C) the retail sale of manufacturer hemp products that is authorized
648 under federal or state law.

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

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

657 [(w)] (x) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state,
658 or to a consumer in this state, shall be packaged, presented or advertised
659 in a manner that is likely to mislead a consumer by incorporating any
660 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other
661 depiction that: (1) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or

662 characteristic packaging of (A) cannabis offered for sale (i) in this state
663 by a cannabis establishment licensed in this state, or (ii) on tribal land
664 by a tribal-credentialed cannabis entity, or (B) a commercially available
665 product other than a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420; or
666 (2) implies that the manufacturer hemp product (A) is a cannabis
667 product, as defined in section 21a-420, (B) contains a total THC
668 concentration greater than three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight basis,
669 or (C) is a high-THC hemp product, as defined in section 21a-240, as
670 amended by this act.

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

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

678 (A) The name of such product;

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

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

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

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

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

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

691 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of
692 children; and

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

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

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

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

706 (A) The name of such product;

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

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

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

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

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

715 "THE FDA HAS NOT EVALUATED THIS PRODUCT FOR SAFETY
716 OR EFFICACY."

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

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

729 Sec. 5. Section 22-61n of the general statutes is repealed and the
730 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

731 (a) As used in this section:

732 (1) "Cannabis product" has the same meaning as provided in section
733 21a-420;

734 [(1)] (2) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
735 420;

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

738 [(2)] (4) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l,
739 as amended by this act;

740 [(3)] (5) "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in
741 section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

742 (6) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section
743 21a-425;

744 (7) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-

745 61l, as amended by this act;

746 [(4)] (8) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in
747 section 21a-420;

748 [(5)] (9) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
749 420; and

750 [(6)] (10) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided
751 in section 21a-420.

752 (b) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage
753 manufacturer and product manufacturer may manufacture, market,
754 cultivate or store hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp
755 products and commercial extracts from licensees in accordance with the
756 provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant to
757 [said] this chapter. A producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and
758 beverage manufacturer and product manufacturer [that obtains] may
759 obtain hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or
760 commercial extracts from a third party, and shall only obtain such
761 hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC hemp products or commercial
762 extracts from a person authorized under the laws of this state or another
763 state, territory or possession of the United States or another sovereign
764 entity to possess and sell such hemp, [and] hemp products, high-THC
765 hemp products or commercial extracts. An infused beverage
766 manufacturer or manufacturer may obtain commercial extracts only
767 from a person authorized under the laws of this state to produce or
768 manufacture hemp products.

769 (c) Hemp, [or] hemp products, high-THC hemp products and
770 commercial extracts purchased by a producer, cultivator, micro-
771 cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer or product manufacturer
772 [or food and beverage manufacturer] from a third party shall be tracked
773 as a separate batch throughout the manufacturing process in order to
774 document the disposition of such hemp, [or] hemp products, high-THC
775 hemp products and commercial extracts. Once hemp, [or] hemp

776 products, high-THC hemp products and commercial extracts are
777 received by a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage
778 manufacturer or product manufacturer [or food and beverage
779 manufacturer] to manufacture a cannabis product, such hemp, [or]
780 hemp products, high-THC hemp products and commercial extracts
781 shall be deemed cannabis and shall comply with the requirements for
782 cannabis contained in the applicable provisions of the general statutes
783 and any regulations adopted pursuant to such provisions. A producer,
784 cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer, product
785 manufacturer, [and food and beverage manufacturer] manufacturer or
786 infused beverage manufacturer shall retain a copy of the certificate of
787 analysis for purchased hemp, [or] hemp products or high-THC hemp
788 products, and invoice and transport documents that evidence the
789 quantity purchased and date received. A producer, cultivator, micro-
790 cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer,
791 manufacturer or infused beverage manufacturer shall obtain from an
792 independent testing laboratory, and retain, a certificate of analysis for
793 commercial extracts that complies with the laboratory testing standards
794 established in the policies, procedures and regulations adopted
795 pursuant to section 21a-421j, and invoice and transport documents that
796 evidence the quantity purchased and date received.

797 Sec. 6. Subsection (f) of section 21a-425a of the general statutes is
798 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
799 *1, 2025*):

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

807 (2) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, a] A dispensary facility, hybrid
808 retailer, [or] retailer or moderate-THC hemp product vendor, as defined

809 in subsection (a) of section 21a-426, as amended by this act, before
810 selling an infused beverage to a consumer in this state, or wholesaler
811 permittee, before selling an infused beverage to a package store
812 permittee under subsection (b) of section 30-20, shall, based on a
813 representative sample of the infused beverage containers included in
814 the shipment that includes such infused beverage, (A) verify that the
815 infused beverages included in such shipment satisfy the requirements
816 established in subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this section and any
817 regulations adopted, and policies and procedures issued, pursuant to
818 subsection (k) of this section, and (B) for the purpose of preserving
819 public health and safety, verify that the infused beverages included in
820 such shipment were manufactured in accordance with requirements
821 that are substantially similar to the requirements established in
822 subsections (d) and (e) of this section and any regulations adopted, and
823 policies and procedures issued, pursuant to subsection (k) of this section
824 if such infused beverages were manufactured (i) in a facility located in,
825 and regulated by, another state, and (ii) by a person who is regulated as
826 a food or nonalcoholic beverage manufacturer.

827 Sec. 7. Section 21a-425b of the general statutes is repealed and the
828 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

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

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

837 (B) If the infused beverage is sold at a dispensary facility, hybrid
838 retailer or retailer, the infused beverage is stored and displayed
839 separately from any cannabis, in the same manner provided for
840 manufacturer hemp products, in accordance with section 21a-409, 21a-

841 420s or 21a-420r, respectively; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

872 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 21a-425c of the general statutes is
873 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
874 *1, 2025*):

875 (b) (1) Beginning on May 15, 2024, no business shall sell, at retail, any
876 infused beverage or legacy infused beverage in this state unless such
877 business has satisfied the requirements established in subsection (c) of
878 this section. No business, other than a dispensary facility, hybrid
879 retailer, retailer or package store authorized pursuant to section 21a-
880 425d, shall sell, at retail, any infused beverage or legacy infused
881 beverage in this state on or after July 1, 2024.

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

886 Sec. 9. Section 21a-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the
887 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

888 (a) As used in this section and section 10 of this act, unless the context
889 otherwise requires:

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

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

893 (3) "Container" (A) means an object that is offered, intended for sale
894 or sold to a consumer and directly contains (i) a manufacturer hemp
895 product, or (ii) a moderate-THC hemp product, and (B) does not include
896 an object or packaging that indirectly contains, or contains in bulk for
897 transportation purposes, (i) a manufacturer hemp product, or (ii) a
898 moderate-THC hemp product;

899 (4) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section
900 21a-425;

901 [(4)] (5) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section
902 22-61l, as amended by this act;

903 [(5)] (6) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as
904 provided in section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

905 [(6)] (7) "Moderate-THC hemp product" (A) means a manufacturer
906 hemp product that has total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as
907 amended by this act, of not less than one-half of one milligram, and not
908 more than five milligrams, on a per-container basis, and (B) does not
909 include (i) an infused beverage, [as defined in section 21a-425,] or (ii) a
910 legacy infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425; and

911 [(7)] (8) "Moderate-THC hemp product vendor" means a person that
912 (A) holds a certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of
913 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section, and (B) is not a cannabis
914 establishment.

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

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

930 (i) The location in the state where such person (I) currently sells or
931 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC

932 hemp products to consumers, and (II) proposes to sell or offer to sell, at
933 retail, infused beverages to consumers; and

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

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

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

944 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, the
945 commissioner shall not issue a certificate of registration as a moderate-
946 THC hemp product vendor unless the commissioner has determined
947 that the applicant satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the
948 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this
949 subdivision. Each such certificate shall expire annually, and shall allow
950 the moderate-THC hemp product vendor to sell and offer to sell, at
951 retail, moderate-THC hemp products and infused beverages to
952 consumers at such location.

953 (C) (i) No person seeking a certificate of registration as a moderate-
954 THC hemp product vendor shall be required to disclose information
955 sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to determine
956 that such person satisfies, or is reasonably likely to satisfy, the minimum
957 sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision if
958 such person (I) manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at the
959 location in the state where such person sells or offers to sell, or proposes
960 to sell or offer to sell, at retail, moderate-THC hemp products to
961 consumers, or (II) is actively licensed as a manufacturer and sells or
962 offers to sell, or proposes to sell or offer to sell, at retail, to consumers

963 moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such manufacturer.

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

969 (2) (A) Each certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be
970 renewable for additional one-year periods. Each moderate-THC hemp
971 product vendor seeking renewal shall submit to the Commissioner of
972 Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the
973 commissioner, a renewal application accompanied by a nonrefundable
974 renewal application fee in the amount of two thousand five hundred
975 dollars or, if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor actively holds a
976 manufacturer license, in the amount of one thousand five hundred
977 dollars. Such application shall, at a minimum and except as provided in
978 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, disclose information sufficient for
979 the commissioner to determine that, during the preceding registration
980 year, at least eighty-five per cent of the average monthly gross revenue
981 generated at the moderate-THC hemp product vendor's registered retail
982 location was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp
983 products and infused beverages to consumers. Except as provided in
984 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall not issue a
985 renewal to a moderate-THC hemp product vendor unless the
986 commissioner has determined that the moderate-THC hemp product
987 vendor satisfied such minimum sales threshold.

988 (B) (i) No moderate-THC hemp product vendor seeking renewal of a
989 certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be required to disclose
990 information sufficient for the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to
991 determine that such moderate-THC hemp product vendor satisfied the
992 minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph (A) of this
993 subdivision if (I) such moderate-THC hemp product vendor
994 manufactures moderate-THC hemp products at such moderate-THC
995 hemp product vendor's registered retail location, or (II) is actively

996 licensed as a manufacturer and sells or offers to sell, at retail, to
997 consumers moderate-THC hemp products manufactured by such
998 manufacturer.

999 (ii) The commissioner may issue a renewal to a moderate-THC hemp
1000 product vendor that satisfies the criteria set forth in subparagraph (B)(i)
1001 of this subdivision even if the moderate-THC hemp product vendor did
1002 not satisfy the minimum sales threshold established in subparagraph
1003 (A) of this subdivision.

1004 (3) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be
1005 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
1006 in section 21a-8a.

1007 (d) No person may act as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, or
1008 represent that such person is a moderate-THC hemp product vendor,
1009 unless such person has obtained and actively holds a certificate of
1010 registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor issued by the
1011 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

1012 (e) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product
1013 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-
1014 THC hemp product vendor, shall sell a moderate-THC hemp product
1015 or an infused beverage to any individual who is younger than twenty-
1016 one years of age. Prior to selling any moderate-THC hemp product or
1017 infused beverage to an individual, the cannabis establishment,
1018 moderate-THC hemp product vendor, agent or employee shall first
1019 verify the individual's age with a valid government-issued driver's
1020 license or identity card to establish that such individual is twenty-one
1021 years of age or older.

1022 (f) No person shall sell any moderate-THC hemp product intended
1023 for human ingestion in packaging that includes more than two
1024 containers.

1025 (g) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet the standards set
1026 forth for manufacturer hemp products in subsections [(v),] (w), (x) and

1027 [(x)] (y) of section 22-61m, as amended by this act.

1028 (h) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet (1) the testing
1029 standards for manufacturer hemp products established in, and any
1030 regulations adopted pursuant to, section 22-61m, as amended by this
1031 act, or (2) such other testing standards for manufacturer hemp products
1032 as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the commissioner's
1033 discretion, may designate.

1034 (i) Each moderate-THC hemp product container shall prominently
1035 display a symbol, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch
1036 and in a format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,
1037 that indicates that such moderate-THC hemp product is not legal or safe
1038 for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age.

1039 (j) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product
1040 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-
1041 THC hemp product vendor, shall gift or transfer any moderate-THC
1042 hemp product or infused beverage at no cost to a consumer as part of a
1043 commercial transaction.

1044 (k) All sales of infused beverages under this section shall be made in
1045 accordance with the provisions of section 21a-425b, as amended by this
1046 act.

1047 [(k)] (l) Each moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall be subject to
1048 the investigation and enforcement provisions set forth in section 21a-
1049 421p.

1050 [(l)] (m) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
1051 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
1052 implement the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the
1053 requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, the commissioner
1054 shall, prior to adopting such regulations and in order to effectuate the
1055 provisions of this section, issue policies and procedures to implement
1056 the provisions of this section that shall have the force and effect of law.
1057 The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the

1058 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site, and submit
1059 such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on
1060 the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date
1061 of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer
1062 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or
1063 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight
1064 months from July 1, 2024, if such regulations have not been submitted
1065 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under
1066 section 4-170.

1067 [(m)] (n) Following a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter
1068 54, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose an
1069 administrative civil penalty, not to exceed five thousand dollars per
1070 violation, and suspend, revoke or place conditions upon any moderate-
1071 THC hemp product vendor that violates any provision of this section or
1072 any regulation adopted pursuant to subsection [(l)] (m) of this section.
1073 Any administrative civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be
1074 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
1075 in section 21a-8a.

1076 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section,
1077 "infused beverage container" (1) means an object that is offered,
1078 intended for sale or sold to a consumer and directly contains an infused
1079 beverage, and (2) does not include an object or packaging that indirectly
1080 contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes, an infused
1081 beverage.

1082 (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by a moderate-THC hemp
1083 product vendor on each infused beverage container sold by such
1084 moderate-THC hemp product vendor. Such fee shall not be subject to
1085 any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to any provision of the
1086 general statutes.

1087 (c) On April 1, 2026, and every six months thereafter, each moderate-
1088 THC hemp product vendor shall remit payment to the Department of
1089 Consumer Protection for each infused beverage container sold during

1090 the preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department
 1091 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer
 1092 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the
 1093 general statutes for the purposes of (1) protecting public health and
 1094 safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring
 1095 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>July 1, 2025</i>	22-61m(i) to (aa)
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	22-61n
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-425a(f)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	21a-425b
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-425c(b)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-426
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section