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Introducer(s):

General Law Committee

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS, HEMP AND INFUSED BEVERAGE REGULATION.

Statement of Purpose: To (1) replace "marijuana" with "cannabis", (2) redefine "cannabis", (3) authorize qualifying out-of-state patients to access the state's palliative use cannabis market, (4) provide that no producer shall be required to staff any transport vehicle with more than one employee, (5) establish a cannabis regulatory working group, (6) prohibit a retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility from borrowing money or receiving credit from a cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer for more than thirty days, (7) authorize the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to order a cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer to issue a written notice of delinquency for any delinquent retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility, (8) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations to (A) establish additional licenses and endorsements, and (B) allow for sales of additional palliative use cannabis products to consumers at retailers and hybrid retailers, (9) require the Social Equity Council to review and approve certain sales or transfers involving cannabis establishment licenses issued to social equity applicants, (10) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and the Social Equity Council to submit policies and procedures to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection, (11) provide that no retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility shall retain any personal data obtained for purposes of age verification for longer than twenty-four hours, (12) eliminate provisions requiring a hybrid retailer to (A) maintain a pharmacist at its hybrid retailer location, (B) offer pharmacist consultations, and (C) maintain a private consultation space for pharmacists, (13) allow edible cannabis products to exceed five milligrams of THC in certain circumstances, (14) eliminate the dosage, potency and concentration limits for cannabis concentrates, cannabis flower and other cannabis plant material, (15) provide that cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material shall not be required to undergo stability testing once it is in its final packaging, (16) authorize remediation of cannabis flower and other cannabis plant material by exposure to ionizing radiation and require a disclosure label concerning such remediation, (17) authorize the inclusion of additional branding and colors on cannabis packaging, (18) provide that certain information and documents concerning a material change to a cannabis establishment shall be public records, (19) increase the permissible amount of THC in infused beverages and high-THC beverages, (20) authorize out-of-state laboratories to test infused beverages, (21) modify the labeling requirements applicable to infused beverages, (22) authorize infused beverage wholesalers to sell infused beverages to additional liquor permittees, (23) establish a commercial extractor license, (24) establish an infused beverage on premises consumption endorsement for cer

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