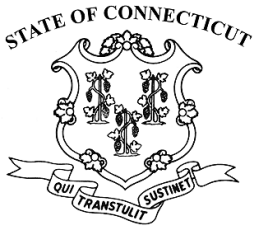

Senate Bill No. 1238

Public Act No. 25-31

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 21a-226 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(l) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the contrary, the commissioner may prohibit a health club from making payments to the Connecticut Health Club Guaranty Fund if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the health club within the past five years has engaged in any unfair or deceptive trade practices under subsection (a) of section 42-110b, has engaged in any conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive or defraud the buyer, the public or the commissioner, or has violated any of the provisions <u>of</u> this chapter. If the commissioner determines that a health club should be prohibited from making payments to the Connecticut Health Club Guaranty Fund, the department shall provide notice to the health club, which notice shall state the grounds for the contemplated action. Not later than fourteen days after the health club receives such notice, the health club may file a written request for a hearing. If a hearing is requested such

hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (8) of subsection (h) of section 21a-420d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(8) Encouraging participation of investors, cannabis establishments **[**,**]** and entrepreneurs in the cannabis business accelerator program established pursuant to section 21a-421f;

Sec. 3. Subdivision (14) of subsection (b) of section 21a-421bb of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(14) Operate any Internet web site advertising or depicting cannabis, cannabis products or cannabis paraphernalia unless such Internet web site verifies that the entrants or users are twenty-one years of age or older; or

Sec. 4. Subsection (t) of section 22-61m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

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

Sec. 5. Subsection (k) of section 21a-226 of the general statutes is

repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(k) When the commissioner has caused any sum to be paid from the guaranty fund to a buyer who has entered into a health club contract, the commissioner shall be subrogated to all of the rights of the buyer up to the amount paid, and the buyer shall assign all of the buyer's right, title **[**,**]** and interest in the claim up to such amount to the commissioner, and any amount and interest recovered by the commissioner on the claim shall be deposited to the guaranty fund, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

Governor's Action:
Approved June 9, 2025