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***AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS, HEMP AND INFUSED BEVERAGE REGULATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (q) of section 1-1 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2026*):

4 (q) Except as otherwise specifically defined, the words "agriculture"  
5 and "farming" include cultivation of the soil, dairying, forestry, raising  
6 or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including the  
7 raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training and management of  
8 livestock, including horses, bees, the production of honey, poultry, fur-  
9 bearing animals and wildlife, and the raising or harvesting of oysters,  
10 clams, mussels, other molluscan shellfish or fish; the operation,  
11 management, conservation, improvement or maintenance of a farm and  
12 its buildings, tools and equipment, or salvaging timber or cleared land  
13 of brush or other debris left by a storm, as an incident to such farming  
14 operations; the production or harvesting of maple syrup or maple sugar,  
15 or any agricultural commodity, including lumber, as an incident to

16 ordinary farming operations or the harvesting of mushrooms, the  
17 hatching of poultry, or the construction, operation or maintenance of  
18 ditches, canals, reservoirs or waterways used exclusively for farming  
19 purposes; handling, planting, drying, packing, packaging, processing,  
20 freezing, grading, storing or delivering to storage or to market, or to a  
21 carrier for transportation to market, or for direct sale any agricultural or  
22 horticultural commodity as an incident to ordinary farming operations,  
23 or, in the case of fruits and vegetables, as an incident to the preparation  
24 of such fruits or vegetables for market or for direct sale. The term "farm"  
25 includes farm buildings, and accessory buildings thereto, nurseries,  
26 orchards, ranges, greenhouses, hoopouses and other temporary  
27 structures or other structures used primarily for the raising and, as an  
28 incident to ordinary farming operations, the sale of agricultural or  
29 horticultural commodities. The terms "agriculture" and "farming" do not  
30 include the cultivation of cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-  
31 240, as amended by this act. The term "aquaculture" means the farming  
32 of the waters of the state and tidal wetlands and the production of  
33 protein food, including fish, oysters, clams, mussels and other  
34 molluscan shellfish, on leased, franchised and public underwater farm  
35 lands. Nothing herein shall restrict the power of a local zoning authority  
36 under chapter 124.

37 Sec. 2. Subparagraph (H) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section  
38 7-148 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
39 in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

40 (H) (i) Secure the safety of persons in or passing through the  
41 municipality by regulation of shows, processions, parades and music;

42 (ii) Regulate and prohibit the carrying on within the municipality of  
43 any trade, manufacture, business or profession which is, or may be, so  
44 carried on as to become prejudicial to public health, conducive to fraud  
45 and cheating, or dangerous to, or constituting an unreasonable  
46 annoyance to, those living or owning property in the vicinity;

- 47 (iii) Regulate auctions and garage and tag sales;
- 48 (iv) Prohibit, restrain, license and regulate the business of peddlers,  
49 auctioneers and junk dealers in a manner not inconsistent with the  
50 general statutes;
- 51 (v) Regulate and prohibit swimming or bathing in the public or  
52 exposed places within the municipality;
- 53 (vi) Regulate and license the operation of amusement parks and  
54 amusement arcades including, but not limited to, the regulation of  
55 mechanical rides and the establishment of the hours of operation;
- 56 (vii) Prohibit, restrain, license and regulate all sports, exhibitions,  
57 public amusements and performances and all places where games may  
58 be played;
- 59 (viii) Preserve the public peace and good order, prevent and quell  
60 riots and disorderly assemblages and prevent disturbing noises;
- 61 (ix) Establish a system to obtain a more accurate registration of births,  
62 marriages and deaths than the system provided by the general statutes  
63 in a manner not inconsistent with the general statutes;
- 64 (x) Control insect pests or plant diseases in any manner deemed  
65 appropriate;
- 66 (xi) Provide for the health of the inhabitants of the municipality and  
67 do all things necessary or desirable to secure and promote the public  
68 health;
- 69 (xii) Regulate the use of streets, sidewalks, highways, public places  
70 and grounds for public and private purposes;
- 71 (xiii) Make and enforce police, sanitary or other similar regulations  
72 and protect or promote the peace, safety, good government and welfare  
73 of the municipality and its inhabitants;

74 (xiv) Regulate, in addition to the requirements under section 7-282b,  
75 the installation, maintenance and operation of any device or equipment  
76 in a residence or place of business which is capable of automatically  
77 calling and relaying recorded emergency messages to any state police  
78 or municipal police or fire department telephone number or which is  
79 capable of automatically calling and relaying recorded emergency  
80 messages or other forms of emergency signals to an intermediate third  
81 party which shall thereafter call and relay such emergency messages to  
82 a state police or municipal police or fire department telephone number.  
83 Such regulations may provide for penalties for the transmittal of false  
84 alarms by such devices or equipment;

85 (xv) Make and enforce regulations for the prevention and  
86 remediation of housing blight or blight upon any commercial real  
87 property, including regulations reducing assessments and authorizing  
88 designated agents of the municipality to enter property during  
89 reasonable hours for the purpose of remediating blighted conditions,  
90 provided such regulations define blight and require such municipality  
91 to give written notice of any violation to the owner of the property and  
92 provide a reasonable opportunity for the owner to remediate the  
93 blighted conditions prior to any enforcement action being taken, except  
94 that a municipality may take immediate enforcement action in the case  
95 of a violation at a property that is the third or more such blight violation  
96 at such property during the prior twelve-month period, and further  
97 provided such regulations shall not authorize such municipality or its  
98 designated agents to enter any dwelling house or structure on such  
99 property, and including regulations establishing a duty to maintain  
100 property and specifying standards to determine if there is neglect;  
101 prescribe civil penalties for the violation of such regulations (I) for  
102 housing blight upon real property containing six or fewer dwelling  
103 units, of not more than one hundred fifty dollars for each day that a  
104 violation continues if such violation occurs at an occupied property, not  
105 more than two hundred fifty dollars for each day that a violation  
106 continues if such violation occurs at a vacant property, and not more

107 than one thousand dollars for each day that a violation continues at a  
108 property if such violation is the third or more such violation at such  
109 property during the prior twelve-month period, (II) for housing blight  
110 upon real property containing more than six but fewer than forty  
111 dwelling units, not more than ten cents per square foot of each  
112 residential building upon such real property for each day that a  
113 violation continues, (III) for housing blight upon real property  
114 containing forty or more dwelling units, not more than twelve cents per  
115 square foot of each residential building upon such real property for each  
116 day that a violation continues, and (IV) for blight upon any commercial  
117 real property, not more than ten cents per square foot of any commercial  
118 building upon such real property for each day that a violation continues.  
119 If any such civil penalties are prescribed, such municipality shall adopt  
120 a citation hearing procedure in accordance with section 7-152c. For the  
121 sole purpose of determining if a violation is the third or more such  
122 violation at such property during the prior twelve-month period,  
123 "violation" means a violation of any municipal blight regulation for  
124 which the municipality has issued a notice of violation and either, in the  
125 determination of such municipality, the conditions creating such  
126 violation were previously cured or one hundred twenty days have  
127 passed from the notice of violation and the conditions creating such  
128 violation have not been cured. A third violation may also be established  
129 where three or more conditions constituting such violation exist at a  
130 property simultaneously;

131 (xvi) Regulate, on any property owned by or under the control of the  
132 municipality, any activity deemed to be deleterious to public health,  
133 including the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar device,  
134 whether containing, wholly or in part, tobacco or cannabis, as defined  
135 in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act, and the use or  
136 consumption of cannabis, including, but not limited to, electronic  
137 cannabis delivery systems, as defined in section 19a-342a, as amended  
138 by this act, or vapor products, as defined in said section, containing  
139 cannabis. If the municipality's population is greater than fifty thousand,

140 such regulations shall designate a place in the municipality in which  
141 public consumption of cannabis is permitted. Such regulations may  
142 prohibit the smoking of cannabis and the use of electronic cannabis  
143 delivery systems and vapor products containing cannabis in the  
144 outdoor sections of a restaurant. Such regulations may prescribe  
145 penalties for the violation of such regulations, provided such fine does  
146 not exceed fifty dollars for a violation of such regulations regarding  
147 consumption by an individual or a fine in excess of one thousand dollars  
148 to any business for a violation of such regulations;

149 Sec. 3. Subparagraph (H) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section  
150 12-217 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the  
151 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

152 (H) In the case of a taxpayer licensed under the provisions of chapter  
153 420f or 420h, the amount of ordinary and necessary expenses that would  
154 be eligible to be claimed as a deduction for federal income tax purposes  
155 under Section 162(a) of the Internal Revenue Code but that are  
156 disallowed under Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code because  
157 [marijuana] cannabis is a controlled substance under the federal  
158 Controlled Substance Act.

159 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-330ll of the 2026  
160 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
161 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

162 (1) "Cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in section [21a-420]  
163 21a-240, as amended by this act;

164 Sec. 5. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (120) of section 12-412 of the  
165 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
166 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

167 (B) Nonprescription drugs or medicines do not include cosmetics,  
168 dentifrices, mouthwash, shaving and hair care products, soaps,  
169 deodorants or products containing cannabis or cannabinoids. As used

170 in this subparagraph, "cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in  
171 section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act, and "cannabinoids"  
172 means manufactured cannabinoids or synthetic cannabinoids, as such  
173 terms are defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

174 Sec. 6. Section 12-650 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
175 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

176 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, revision of 1958,  
177 revised to January 1, 2021, any outstanding liabilities or assessments, or  
178 any portion thereof, made under said chapter related to the sale,  
179 purchase, acquisition or possession within the state or the transport or  
180 importation into the state, of [marijuana] cannabis, as defined in section  
181 21a-240, as amended by this act, shall be cancelled. The Commissioner  
182 of Revenue Services may take any action necessary to effectuate the  
183 cancellation of such liabilities and assessments. No cancellation of a  
184 liability or an assessment pursuant to this section shall entitle any  
185 person affected by such cancellation to a refund or credit of any amount  
186 previously paid or collected in connection with such liability or  
187 assessment.

188 Sec. 7. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of  
189 section 12-701 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed  
190 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

191 (B) There shall be subtracted therefrom:

192 (i) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
193 income tax purposes, any income with respect to which taxation by any  
194 state is prohibited by federal law;

195 (ii) To the extent allowable under section 12-718, exempt dividends  
196 paid by a regulated investment company;

197 (iii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
198 income tax purposes, the amount of any refund or credit for

199 overpayment of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other state  
200 of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, or the District of  
201 Columbia;

202 (iv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
203 income tax purposes and not otherwise subtracted from federal  
204 adjusted gross income pursuant to clause (x) of this subparagraph in  
205 computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, any tier 1 railroad  
206 retirement benefits;

207 (v) To the extent any additional allowance for depreciation under  
208 Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for property placed in  
209 service after September 27, 2017, was added to federal adjusted gross  
210 income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ix) of this subdivision in  
211 computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of  
212 such additional allowance for depreciation in each of the four  
213 succeeding taxable years;

214 (vi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
215 income tax purposes, any interest income from obligations issued by or  
216 on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof,  
217 or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar  
218 public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut;

219 (vii) To the extent properly includable in determining the net gain or  
220 loss from the sale or other disposition of capital assets for federal income  
221 tax purposes, any gain from the sale or exchange of obligations issued  
222 by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision  
223 thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or  
224 similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut,  
225 in the income year such gain was recognized;

226 (viii) Any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase  
227 or carry obligations or securities the interest on which is subject to tax  
228 under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that  
229 such interest on indebtedness is not deductible in determining federal

230 adjusted gross income and is attributable to a trade or business carried  
231 on by such individual;

232 (ix) Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the  
233 taxable year for the production or collection of income which is subject  
234 to taxation under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, or  
235 the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the  
236 production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the  
237 taxable year on any bond the interest on which is subject to tax under  
238 this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such  
239 expenses and premiums are not deductible in determining federal  
240 adjusted gross income and are attributable to a trade or business carried  
241 on by such individual;

242 (x) (I) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a  
243 person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried  
244 individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is  
245 less than fifty thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing  
246 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is  
247 less than fifty thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a  
248 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly  
249 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than  
250 sixty thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal  
251 income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income  
252 for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars, an amount  
253 equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax  
254 purposes;

255 (II) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a  
256 person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried  
257 individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is  
258 fifty thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing  
259 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is  
260 fifty thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a  
261 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly

262 whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is sixty  
263 thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the  
264 federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross  
265 income for such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more, an  
266 amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social Security  
267 benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of  
268 twenty-five per cent of the Social Security benefits received during the  
269 taxable year, or twenty-five per cent of the excess described in Section  
270 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code;

271 (III) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each  
272 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal  
273 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross  
274 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,  
275 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross  
276 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,  
277 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax  
278 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross  
279 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars  
280 or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of  
281 household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is  
282 less than one hundred thousand dollars, an amount equal to the Social  
283 Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes; and

284 (IV) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each  
285 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal  
286 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross  
287 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more,  
288 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross  
289 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more,  
290 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax  
291 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross  
292 income from such taxable year is one hundred thousand dollars or more  
293 or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head  
294 of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year

295 is one hundred thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the  
296 difference between the amount of Social Security benefits includable for  
297 federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the  
298 Social Security benefits received during the taxable year, or twenty-five  
299 per cent of the excess described in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal  
300 Revenue Code;

301 (xi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
302 income tax purposes, any amount rebated to a taxpayer pursuant to  
303 section 12-746;

304 (xii) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal  
305 income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, any distribution to  
306 such beneficiary from any qualified state tuition program, as defined in  
307 Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and  
308 maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the  
309 state;

310 (xiii) To the extent allowable under section 12-701a, contributions to  
311 accounts established pursuant to any qualified state tuition program, as  
312 defined in Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and  
313 maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the  
314 state;

315 (xiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
316 income tax purposes, the amount of any Holocaust victims' settlement  
317 payment received in the taxable year by a Holocaust victim;

318 (xv) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal  
319 income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, as defined in section  
320 3-123aa, interest, dividends or capital gains earned on contributions to  
321 accounts established for the designated beneficiary pursuant to the  
322 Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly established by  
323 sections 3-123aa to 3-123ff, inclusive;

324 (xvi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal

325 income tax purposes, any income received from the United States  
326 government as retirement pay for a retired member of (I) the Armed  
327 Forces of the United States, as defined in Section 101 of Title 10 of the  
328 United States Code, or (II) the National Guard, as defined in Section 101  
329 of Title 10 of the United States Code;

330 (xvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
331 income tax purposes for the taxable year, any income from the discharge  
332 of indebtedness in connection with any reacquisition, after December  
333 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument or  
334 instruments, as those terms are defined in Section 108 of the Internal  
335 Revenue Code, as amended by Section 1231 of the American Recovery  
336 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to the extent any such income was added  
337 to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xi) of  
338 this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income for a  
339 preceding taxable year;

340 (xviii) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted  
341 gross income, the amount of any contribution to a manufacturing  
342 reinvestment account established pursuant to section 32-9zz in the  
343 taxable year that such contribution is made;

344 (xix) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
345 income tax purposes, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1,  
346 2015, ten per cent of the income received from the state teachers'  
347 retirement system, (II) for the taxable years commencing January 1,  
348 2016, to January 1, 2020, inclusive, twenty-five per cent of the income  
349 received from the state teachers' retirement system, and (III) for the  
350 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, and each taxable year  
351 thereafter, fifty per cent of the income received from the state teachers'  
352 retirement system or, for a taxpayer whose federal adjusted gross  
353 income does not exceed the applicable threshold under clause (xx) of  
354 this subparagraph, the percentage pursuant to said clause of the income  
355 received from the state teachers' retirement system, whichever  
356 deduction is greater;

357 (xx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
358 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of  
359 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvi) of this  
360 subparagraph, for a person who files a return under the federal income  
361 tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for  
362 such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a  
363 married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross  
364 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,  
365 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such  
366 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband  
367 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married  
368 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such  
369 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable  
370 year commencing January 1, 2019, fourteen per cent of any pension or  
371 annuity income, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2020,  
372 twenty-eight per cent of any pension or annuity income, (III) for the  
373 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, forty-two per cent of any  
374 pension or annuity income, and (IV) for the taxable years commencing  
375 January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023, one hundred per cent of any  
376 pension or annuity income;

377 (xxi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
378 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of  
379 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvi) of this  
380 subparagraph, any pension or annuity income for the taxable year  
381 commencing on or after January 1, 2024, and each taxable year  
382 thereafter, in accordance with the following schedule, for a person who  
383 files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual  
384 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than  
385 one hundred thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing  
386 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is  
387 less than one hundred thousand dollars, or as a head of household  
388 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than  
389 one hundred thousand dollars:

T1	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T2	Less than \$75,000	100.0%
T3	\$75,000 but not over \$77,499	85.0%
T4	\$77,500 but not over \$79,999	70.0%
T5	\$80,000 but not over \$82,499	55.0%
T6	\$82,500 but not over \$84,999	40.0%
T7	\$85,000 but not over \$87,499	25.0%
T8	\$87,500 but not over \$89,999	10.0%
T9	\$90,000 but not over \$94,999	5.0%
T10	\$95,000 but not over \$99,999	2.5%
T11	\$100,000 and over	0.0%

390        (xxii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
391 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of  
392 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvi) of this  
393 subparagraph, any pension or annuity income for the taxable year  
394 commencing on or after January 1, 2024, and each taxable year  
395 thereafter, in accordance with the following schedule for married  
396 individuals who file a return under the federal income tax as married  
397 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such  
398 taxable year is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars:

T12	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T13	Less than \$100,000	100.0%
T14	\$100,000 but not over \$104,999	85.0%
T15	\$105,000 but not over \$109,999	70.0%
T16	\$110,000 but not over \$114,999	55.0%
T17	\$115,000 but not over \$119,999	40.0%
T18	\$120,000 but not over \$124,999	25.0%

T19	\$125,000 but not over \$129,999	10.0%
T20	\$130,000 but not over \$139,999	5.0%
T21	\$140,000 but not over \$149,999	2.5%
T22	\$150,000 and over	0.0%

399 (xxiii) The amount of lost wages and medical, travel and housing  
400 expenses, not to exceed ten thousand dollars in the aggregate, incurred  
401 by a taxpayer during the taxable year in connection with the donation  
402 to another person of an organ for organ transplantation occurring on or  
403 after January 1, 2017;

404 (xxiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
405 income tax purposes, the amount of any financial assistance received  
406 from the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund or paid to or on  
407 behalf of the owner of a residential building pursuant to sections 8-442  
408 and 8-443;

409 (xxv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
410 income tax purposes, the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (b)  
411 of section 12-704g for income received by a general partner of a venture  
412 capital fund, as defined in 17 CFR 275.203(l)-1, as amended from time to  
413 time;

414 (xxvi) To the extent any portion of a deduction under Section 179 of  
415 the Internal Revenue Code was added to federal adjusted gross income  
416 pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xiv) of this subdivision in computing  
417 Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of such  
418 disallowed portion of the deduction in each of the four succeeding  
419 taxable years;

420 (xxvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
421 income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal  
422 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross  
423 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,  
424 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross

425 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,  
426 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such  
427 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband  
428 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married  
429 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such  
430 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, for the taxable  
431 year commencing January 1, 2023, twenty-five per cent of any  
432 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth  
433 individual retirement account;

434 (xxviii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
435 income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal  
436 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross  
437 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars,  
438 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross  
439 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars,  
440 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such  
441 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable  
442 year commencing January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from  
443 an individual retirement account other than a Roth individual  
444 retirement account, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025,  
445 seventy-five per cent of any distribution from an individual retirement  
446 account other than a Roth individual retirement account, and (III) for  
447 the taxable year commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year  
448 thereafter, any distribution from an individual retirement account other  
449 than a Roth individual retirement account. The subtraction under this  
450 clause shall be made in accordance with the following schedule:

T23	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T24	Less than \$75,000	100.0%
T25	\$75,000 but not over \$77,499	85.0%
T26	\$77,500 but not over \$79,999	70.0%

T27	\$80,000 but not over \$82,499	55.0%
T28	\$82,500 but not over \$84,999	40.0%
T29	\$85,000 but not over \$87,499	25.0%
T30	\$87,500 but not over \$89,999	10.0%
T31	\$90,000 but not over \$94,999	5.0%
T32	\$95,000 but not over \$99,999	2.5%
T33	\$100,000 and over	0.0%

451 (xxix) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
452 income tax purposes, for married individuals who file a return under  
453 the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose  
454 federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one  
455 hundred fifty thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable year commencing  
456 January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from an individual  
457 retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account, (II)  
458 for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, seventy-five per cent  
459 of any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a  
460 Roth individual retirement account, and (III) for the taxable year  
461 commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year thereafter, any  
462 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth  
463 individual retirement account. The subtraction under this clause shall  
464 be made in accordance with the following schedule:

T34	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T35	Less than \$100,000	100.0%
T36	\$100,000 but not over \$104,999	85.0%
T37	\$105,000 but not over \$109,999	70.0%
T38	\$110,000 but not over \$114,999	55.0%
T39	\$115,000 but not over \$119,999	40.0%
T40	\$120,000 but not over \$124,999	25.0%
T41	\$125,000 but not over \$129,999	10.0%

T42	\$130,000 but not over \$139,999	5.0%
T43	\$140,000 but not over \$149,999	2.5%
T44	\$150,000 and over	0.0%

465 (xxx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
466 income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2022,  
467 the amount or amounts paid or otherwise credited to any eligible  
468 resident of this state under (I) the 2020 Earned Income Tax Credit  
469 enhancement program from funding allocated to the state through the  
470 Coronavirus Relief Fund established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
471 and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, and (II) the 2021 Earned  
472 Income Tax Credit enhancement program from funding allocated to the  
473 state pursuant to Section 9901 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American  
474 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2;

475 (xxxii) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2023, and each  
476 taxable year thereafter, for a taxpayer licensed under the provisions of  
477 chapter 420f or 420h, the amount of ordinary and necessary expenses  
478 that would be eligible to be claimed as a deduction for federal income  
479 tax purposes under Section 162(a) of the Internal Revenue Code but that  
480 are disallowed under Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code  
481 because [marijuana] cannabis is a controlled substance under the federal  
482 Controlled Substance Act;

483 (xxxiii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
484 income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing on or after  
485 January 1, 2025, and each taxable year thereafter, any common stock  
486 received by the taxpayer during the taxable year under a share plan, as  
487 defined in section 12-217ss;

488 (xxxiii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
489 income tax purposes, the amount of any student loan reimbursement  
490 payment received by a taxpayer pursuant to section 10a-19m;

491 (xxxiv) Contributions to an ABLÉ account established pursuant to

492 sections 3-39k to 3-39q, inclusive, not to exceed five thousand dollars for  
493 each individual taxpayer or ten thousand dollars for taxpayers filing a  
494 joint return;

495 (xxxv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
496 income tax purposes, the amount of any payment received pursuant to  
497 subsection (c) of section 3-122a;

498 (xxxvi) For an account holder, as defined in section 12-724b, who files  
499 a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual, a  
500 married individual filing separately or a head of household, whose  
501 federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is less than one  
502 hundred twenty-five thousand dollars or who files a return under the  
503 federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal  
504 adjusted gross income for the taxable year is less than two hundred fifty  
505 thousand dollars:

506 (I) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross  
507 income, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2027, an amount  
508 equal to the contributions deposited during the taxable years  
509 commencing January 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027, in a first-time  
510 homebuyer savings account established pursuant to subsection (c) of  
511 section 12-724b, less any amounts withdrawn during said taxable years  
512 by the account holder from such account under subparagraph (D) of  
513 subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-724b. The amount claimed  
514 under this subclause shall not exceed two thousand five hundred  
515 dollars for each such taxable year for an unmarried individual, a  
516 married individual filing separately or a head of household and five  
517 thousand dollars for each such taxable year for married individuals  
518 filing jointly;

519 (II) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross  
520 income, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2028, and each  
521 taxable year thereafter, an amount equal to the contributions deposited  
522 during the taxable year in a first-time homebuyer savings account

523 established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-724b, less any  
524 amounts withdrawn during the taxable year by the account holder from  
525 such account pursuant to subparagraph (D) of subdivision (2) of  
526 subsection (f) of section 12-724b. The amount allowed to be claimed  
527 under this subclause for the taxable year shall not exceed two thousand  
528 five hundred dollars for an unmarried individual, a married individual  
529 filing separately or a head of household and five thousand dollars for  
530 married individuals filing jointly; and

531 (III) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
532 income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2027,  
533 and each taxable year thereafter, an amount equal to the sum of all  
534 interest accrued on a first-time homebuyer savings account, established  
535 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-724b, during the taxable year;  
536 and

537 (xxxvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal  
538 income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2027,  
539 and each taxable year thereafter, for an account holder who is a qualified  
540 beneficiary of a first-time homebuyer savings account, as those terms  
541 are defined in section 12-724b, and who files a return under the federal  
542 income tax as an unmarried individual, a married individual filing  
543 separately or a head of household, whose federal adjusted gross income  
544 for the taxable year is less than one hundred twenty-five thousand  
545 dollars or who files a return under the federal income tax as married  
546 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for the  
547 taxable year is less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, an amount  
548 equal to any withdrawal from such account that is used to pay or  
549 reimburse such qualified beneficiary for eligible costs, as defined in  
550 section 12-724b, incurred by the qualified beneficiary.

551 Sec. 8. Subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of section 12-704d of the  
552 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
553 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

554 (13) "Cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in section [21a-  
555 420] 21a-240, as amended by this act; and

556 Sec. 9. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the 2026  
557 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
558 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

559 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any  
560 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant  
561 has held a youth instruction permit and has satisfied the requirements  
562 specified in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) submit to the  
563 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a  
564 certificate of the successful completion (i) in a public secondary school,  
565 a technical education and career school or a private secondary school of  
566 a full course of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided  
567 in section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed  
568 drivers' school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training  
569 in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each  
570 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful  
571 completion of: Not less than forty clock hours of behind-the-wheel, on-  
572 the-road instruction for applicants to whom a youth instruction permit  
573 is issued on or after August 1, 2008; (B) submit to the commissioner, in  
574 such manner as the commissioner shall direct, a certificate of the  
575 successful completion of (i) a course of not less than eight hours relative  
576 to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four hours on the  
577 nature and the medical, biological and physiological effects of alcohol  
578 and drugs, including cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-240,  
579 as amended by this act, and their impact on the operator of a motor  
580 vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation of a motor vehicle  
581 after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the problems  
582 of alcohol and drug abuse, the penalties for alcohol and drug-related  
583 motor vehicle violations and a video presentation specific to the impact  
584 of cannabis on the operator of a motor vehicle and how the ingestion of  
585 cannabis can cause impairment of motor function, reaction time,  
586 perception and peripheral vision, and (ii) for applicants to whom a

587 youth instruction permit is issued on or after January 1, 2026, the  
588 highway work zone and roadside vehicle safety awareness program  
589 established in section 14-111r; and (C) pass an examination which may  
590 include a comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws concerning  
591 motor vehicles and the rules of the road in addition to the test required  
592 under subsection (c) of this section and shall include an on-the-road  
593 skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application  
594 and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant  
595 sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a youth instruction  
596 permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an  
597 applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or  
598 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall have held a youth  
599 instruction permit for not less than one hundred twenty days and an  
600 applicant who is undergoing training and instruction by the driver  
601 training unit for persons with disabilities in accordance with the  
602 provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for the period  
603 of time required by said unit. The commissioner shall approve the  
604 content of the safe driving practices course at drivers' schools, high  
605 schools and other secondary schools. Subject to such standards and  
606 requirements as the commissioner may impose, the commissioner may  
607 authorize any drivers' school, licensed in good standing in accordance  
608 with the provisions of section 14-69, or secondary school driver  
609 education program authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 14-  
610 36e, to administer the comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws  
611 concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, required pursuant  
612 to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, as part of the safe driving  
613 practices course required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this  
614 subdivision, and to certify to the commissioner, under oath, the results  
615 of each such test administered. Such hours of instruction required by  
616 this subdivision shall be included as part of or in addition to any existing  
617 instruction programs. Any fee charged for the course required under  
618 subparagraph (B)(i) or (B)(ii) of this subdivision shall not exceed two  
619 hundred dollars. Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who,  
620 while a resident of another state, completed the course required in

621 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete the safe  
622 driving practices course required in subparagraph (B) of this  
623 subdivision, shall complete the safe driving practices course. The  
624 commissioner may waive any requirement in this subdivision, except  
625 for the requirements of subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in the case  
626 of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a valid  
627 motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state, provided the  
628 commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received training and  
629 instruction of a similar nature.

630 Sec. 10. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 14-227a of the 2026  
631 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
632 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

633 (2) In any prosecution for a violation of subdivision (1) of subsection  
634 (a) of this section in which it is alleged that the defendant's operation of  
635 a motor vehicle was impaired, in whole or in part, by consumption of  
636 cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act,  
637 the court may take judicial notice that the ingestion of cannabis (A) can  
638 impair a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle; (B) can cause  
639 impairment of motor function, reaction time, tracking ability, cognitive  
640 attention, decision-making, judgment, perception, peripheral vision,  
641 impulse control or memory; and (C) does not enhance a person's ability  
642 to safely operate a motor vehicle.

643 Sec. 11. Subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 15-140r of the  
644 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
645 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

646 (2) In any prosecution for a violation of subsection (a) of this section  
647 in which it is alleged that the defendant's operation of a vessel was  
648 impaired, in whole or in part, by consumption of cannabis, as defined  
649 in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act, the court may take  
650 judicial notice that the ingestion of cannabis (A) can impair a person's  
651 ability to operate a vessel; (B) can cause impairment of motor function,

652 reaction time, tracking ability, cognitive attention, decision-making,  
653 judgment, perception, peripheral vision, impulse control or memory;  
654 and (C) does not enhance a person's ability to safely operate a vessel.

655 Sec. 12. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 19a-342 of the  
656 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
657 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

658 (3) "Cannabis" [means marijuana, as defined] has the same meaning  
659 as provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act; and

660 Sec. 13. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 19a-342a of the  
661 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
662 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

663 (6) "Cannabis" [means marijuana, as defined] has the same meaning  
664 as provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

665 Sec. 14. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-3b of the 2026  
666 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
667 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

668 (1) "Cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in section [21a-420]  
669 21a-240, as amended by this act;

670 Sec. 15. Section 21a-12g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
671 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

672 Not later than December 1, 2022, the Department of Consumer  
673 Protection shall develop documents concerning the safe storage by  
674 consumers of (1) prescription drugs, as defined in section 19a-754b, and  
675 (2) cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this  
676 act, and cannabis products, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended  
677 by this act. Such documents shall contain, but need not be limited to,  
678 information concerning best practices for (A) storing prescription drugs  
679 and cannabis and cannabis products in a manner that renders such items  
680 inaccessible to children, and (B) disposal of unused and expired

681 prescription drugs and cannabis and cannabis products. Not later than  
682 December 15, 2022, the department shall publish such documents on its  
683 Internet web site.

684 Sec. 16. Subsection (d) of section 21a-106 of the general statutes is  
685 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
686 *1, 2026*):

687 (d) If it is for use by man and contains any quantity of the narcotic or  
688 hypnotic substance alpha-eucaine, beta-eucaine, bromal, cannabis,  
689 carbromal, chloral, coca, cocaine, codeine, heroin, [marijuana,]  
690 morphine, opium, paraldehyde, peyote or sulphonmethane, or any  
691 chemical derivative of any such substance, which derivative has been  
692 designated as habit-forming by regulations promulgated under Section  
693 352(d) of the federal act; unless its label bears the name and quantity or  
694 proportion of such substance or derivative and in juxtaposition  
695 therewith the statement "Warning-may be habit-forming";

696 Sec. 17. Subdivisions (20) to (29), inclusive, of section 21a-240 of the  
697 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
698 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

699 (20) (A) "Drug paraphernalia" means equipment, products and  
700 materials of any kind that are used, intended for use or designed for use  
701 in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,  
702 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing,  
703 preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing,  
704 containing or concealing, or ingesting, inhaling or otherwise  
705 introducing into the human body, any controlled substance contrary to  
706 the provisions of this chapter, including, but not limited to: (i) Kits  
707 intended for use or designed for use in planting, propagating,  
708 cultivating, growing or harvesting of any species of plant that is a  
709 controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be  
710 derived; (ii) kits used, intended for use or designed for use in  
711 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing or

712 preparing controlled substances; (iii) isomerization devices used or  
713 intended for use in increasing the potency of any species of plant that is  
714 a controlled substance; (iv) testing equipment used, intended for use or  
715 designed for use in identifying or analyzing the strength, effectiveness  
716 or purity of controlled substances; (v) dilutents and adulterants,  
717 including, but not limited to, quinine hydrochloride, mannitol, mannite,  
718 dextrose and lactose used, intended for use or designed for use in  
719 cutting controlled substances; (vi) separation gins and sifters used,  
720 intended for use or designed for use in removing twigs and seeds from,  
721 or in otherwise cleaning or refining, [marijuana] cannabis; (vii) capsules  
722 and other containers used, intended for use or designed for use in  
723 packaging small quantities of controlled substances; (viii) containers  
724 and other objects used, intended for use or designed for use in storing  
725 or concealing controlled substances; and (ix) objects used, intended for  
726 use or designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing  
727 [marijuana] cannabis, cocaine, hashish or hashish oil into the human  
728 body, including, but not limited to, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic  
729 or ceramic pipes with screens, permanent screens, hashish heads or  
730 punctured metal bowls; water pipes; carburetion tubes and devices;  
731 smoking and carburetion masks; roach clips; miniature cocaine spoons  
732 and cocaine vials; chamber pipes; carburetor pipes; electric pipes; air-  
733 driven pipes; chillums; bongs; ice pipes and chillers. "Drug  
734 paraphernalia" does not include a product used by a manufacturer  
735 licensed pursuant to this chapter for the activities permitted under the  
736 license or by an individual to test any substance prior to injection,  
737 inhalation or ingestion of the substance to prevent accidental overdose  
738 by injection, inhalation or ingestion of the substance, provided the  
739 licensed manufacturer or individual is not using the product to engage  
740 in the unlicensed manufacturing or distribution of controlled  
741 substances. As used in this subdivision, "roach clip" means an object  
742 used to hold burning material, including, but not limited to, a  
743 [marijuana] cannabis cigarette, that has become too small or too short to  
744 be held between the fingers.

745 (B) "Factory" means any place used for the manufacturing, mixing,  
746 compounding, refining, processing, packaging, distributing, storing,  
747 keeping, holding, administering or assembling illegal substances  
748 contrary to the provisions of this chapter, or any building, rooms or  
749 location which contains equipment or paraphernalia used for this  
750 purpose.

751 (21) "Federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC 801 et seq." means  
752 Public Law 91-513, the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and  
753 Control Act of 1970.

754 (22) "Federal food and drug laws" means the federal Food, Drug and  
755 Cosmetic Act, as amended, Title 21 USC 301 et seq.

756 (23) "Hallucinogenic substances" are psychodysleptic substances,  
757 other than cannabis-type substances, which assert a confusional or  
758 disorganizing effect upon mental processes or behavior and mimic  
759 acute psychotic disturbances. Exemplary of such drugs are mescaline,  
760 peyote, psilocyn and d-lysergic acid diethylamide, which are controlled  
761 substances under this chapter unless modified.

762 (24) "Hospital", as used in sections 21a-243 to 21a-283, inclusive, as  
763 amended by this act, means an institution for the care and treatment of  
764 the sick and injured, approved by the Department of Public Health or  
765 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as proper to  
766 be entrusted with the custody of controlled drugs and substances and  
767 professional use of controlled drugs and substances under the direction  
768 of a licensed practitioner.

769 (25) "Intern" means a person who holds a degree of doctor of  
770 medicine or doctor of dental surgery or medicine and whose period of  
771 service has been recorded with the Department of Public Health and  
772 who has been accepted and is participating in training by a hospital or  
773 institution in this state. Doctors meeting the foregoing requirements and  
774 commonly designated as "residents" and "fellows" shall be regarded as  
775 interns for purposes of this chapter.

776 (26) "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the  
777 Commissioner of Consumer Protection has found to be, and by  
778 regulation designates as being, the principal compound commonly used  
779 or produced primarily for use, and which is an immediate chemical  
780 intermediary used or likely to be used, in the manufacture of a  
781 controlled substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail  
782 or limit manufacture.

783 (27) "Laboratory" means a laboratory approved by the Department of  
784 Consumer Protection as proper to be entrusted with the custody of  
785 controlled substances and the use of controlled substances for scientific  
786 and medical purposes and for purposes of instruction, research or  
787 analysis.

788 (28) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, cultivation,  
789 growing, propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of a  
790 controlled substance, either directly or indirectly by extraction from  
791 substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical  
792 synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and  
793 includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or  
794 relabeling of its container, except that this term does not include the  
795 preparation or compounding of a controlled substance by an individual  
796 for the individual's own use or the preparation, compounding,  
797 packaging or labeling of a controlled substance: (A) By a practitioner as  
798 an incident to the practitioner administering or dispensing of a  
799 controlled substance in the course of such practitioner's professional  
800 practice; or (B) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized  
801 agent under such practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an  
802 incident to, research, teaching or chemical analysis and not for sale.

803 (29) ["Marijuana"] "Cannabis" means all parts of any plant, or species  
804 of the genus cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof, whether  
805 growing or not; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; every  
806 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of  
807 such plant, or its resin; any high-THC hemp product; manufactured

808 cannabinoids; or cannabimon, cannabimol or cannabidiol and chemical  
809 compounds which are similar to cannabimon, cannabimol or cannabidiol  
810 in chemical structure or which are similar thereto in physiological effect,  
811 which are controlled substances under this chapter, except cannabidiol  
812 derived from hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, as amended by this act,  
813 that is not a high-THC hemp product. ["Marijuana"] "Cannabis" does not  
814 include: (A) The mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such  
815 stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other  
816 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of  
817 such mature stalks, except the resin extracted from such mature stalks  
818 or fiber, oil or cake; (B) the seed of such plant; (C) hemp, as defined in  
819 section 22-61l, as amended by this act, (i) with a total THC concentration  
820 of not more than three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (ii)  
821 that is not a high-THC hemp product; (D) any substance approved by  
822 the federal Food and Drug Administration or successor agency as a drug  
823 and reclassified in any schedule of controlled substances or  
824 unscheduled by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or  
825 successor agency which is included in the same schedule designated by  
826 the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or successor agency; [or]  
827 (E) infused beverages, as defined in section 21a-425, as amended by this  
828 act; or (F) any commercial extract, as defined in section 22-61l, as  
829 amended by this act, provided such commercial extract is  
830 manufactured, advertised, offered and sold in accordance with the  
831 provisions of section 88 of this act.

832 Sec. 18. Subsection (e) of section 21a-243 of the 2026 supplement to  
833 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
834 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

835 (e) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall classify  
836 [marijuana] cannabis as a controlled substance in schedule II under the  
837 Connecticut controlled substance scheduling regulations, except that for  
838 any [marijuana] cannabis product that has been approved by the federal  
839 Food and Drug Administration or successor agency to have a medical  
840 use and that is reclassified in any schedule of controlled substances or

841 unscheduled by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or  
842 successor agency, the commissioner shall adopt the schedule designated  
843 by the Drug Enforcement Administration or successor agency. In the  
844 event that [marijuana] cannabis is reclassified as a controlled substance  
845 in schedule III, IV or V of the federal Controlled Substances Act, or is  
846 unscheduled by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or  
847 successor agency, the commissioner shall adopt the schedule designated  
848 by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or successor agency.

849 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 21a-246 of the general statutes is  
850 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
851 *1, 2026*):

852 (a) No person within this state shall manufacture, wholesale,  
853 repackage, supply, compound, mix, cultivate or grow, or by other  
854 process produce or prepare, controlled substances without first  
855 obtaining a license to do so from the Commissioner of Consumer  
856 Protection and no person within this state shall operate a laboratory for  
857 the purpose of research or analysis using controlled substances without  
858 first obtaining a license to do so from the Commissioner of Consumer  
859 Protection, except that such activities by pharmacists or pharmacies in  
860 the filling and dispensing of prescriptions or activities incident thereto,  
861 or the dispensing or administering of controlled substances by dentists,  
862 podiatrists, physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice  
863 registered nurses or veterinarians, or other persons acting under their  
864 supervision, in the treatment of patients shall not be subject to the  
865 provisions of this section, and provided laboratories for instruction in  
866 dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, pharmacology and  
867 pharmacognosy in institutions duly licensed for such purposes in this  
868 state shall not be subject to the provisions of this section except with  
869 respect to narcotic drugs and schedule I and II controlled substances.  
870 Upon application of any physician or physician assistant licensed  
871 pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered nurse  
872 licensed pursuant to chapter 378, the Commissioner of Consumer  
873 Protection shall without unnecessary delay, (1) license such physician to

874 possess and supply [marijuana] cannabis for the treatment of glaucoma  
875 or the side effects of chemotherapy, or (2) license such physician  
876 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse to possess and supply  
877 [marijuana] cannabis for the treatment of the side effects of  
878 chemotherapy. No person outside this state shall sell or supply  
879 controlled substances within this state without first obtaining a license  
880 to do so from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, provided no  
881 such license shall be required of a manufacturer whose principal place  
882 of business is located outside this state and who is registered with the  
883 federal Drug Enforcement Administration or other federal agency, and  
884 who files a copy of such registration with the appropriate licensing  
885 authority under this chapter.

886 Sec. 20. Section 21a-253 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
887 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

888 Any person may possess or have under his control a quantity of  
889 [marijuana] cannabis less than or equal to that quantity supplied to him  
890 pursuant to a prescription made in accordance with the provisions of  
891 section 21a-249 by (1) a physician licensed under the provisions of  
892 chapter 370 and further authorized by subsection (a) of section 21a-246,  
893 as amended by this act, by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
894 to possess and supply [marijuana] cannabis for the treatment of  
895 glaucoma or the side effects of chemotherapy, or (2) a physician  
896 assistant licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, or an advanced  
897 practice registered nurse licensed under the provisions of chapter 378,  
898 and further authorized by subsection (a) of section 21a-246, as amended  
899 by this act, by said commissioner to possess and supply [marijuana]  
900 cannabis for the treatment of the side effects of chemotherapy.

901 Sec. 21. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 21a-277 of the  
902 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
903 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

904 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "cannabis" has the same meaning

905 as provided in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act.

906 Sec. 22. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-279 of the  
907 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
908 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

909 (a) (1) Any person who possesses or has under such person's control  
910 any quantity of any controlled substance, except any quantity of  
911 cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act,  
912 and except as authorized in this chapter or chapter 420f, shall be guilty  
913 of a class A misdemeanor.

914 Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (j) of section 21a-279a of the  
915 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
916 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

917 (j) (1) As used in this section, "cannabis" [,] has the same meaning as  
918 provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act, and "cannabis  
919 flower", "cannabis trim", "cannabis concentrate" and "cannabis product"  
920 have the same meanings as provided in section 21a-420, as amended by  
921 this act.

922 Sec. 24. Section 21a-408 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
923 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

924 As used in this section, sections 21a-408a to 21a-408o, inclusive, as  
925 amended by this act, and sections 21a-408r to 21a-408w, inclusive, as  
926 amended by this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

927 (1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means an advanced practice  
928 registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378;

929 (2) "Cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240,  
930 as amended by this act;

931 [(2)] (3) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided  
932 in section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

933        [(3)] (4) "Cannabis testing laboratory" means a person who (A) is  
934 located in this state, (B) is licensed by the department to analyze  
935 [marijuana] cannabis, and (C) meets the licensure requirements  
936 established in section 21a-408r, as amended by this act, and the  
937 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as  
938 amended by this act;

939        [(4)] (5) "Cannabis testing laboratory employee" means a person who  
940 is (A) employed at a cannabis testing laboratory, and (B) registered  
941 pursuant to section 21a-408r, as amended by this act, and the regulations  
942 adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as amended by  
943 this act;

944        [(5)] (6) "Caregiver" means a person, other than the qualifying patient  
945 and the qualifying patient's physician, physician assistant or advanced  
946 practice registered nurse, who is eighteen years of age or older and has  
947 agreed to undertake responsibility for managing the well-being of the  
948 qualifying patient with respect to the palliative use of [marijuana]  
949 cannabis, provided (A) in the case of a qualifying patient (i) under  
950 eighteen years of age and not an emancipated minor, or (ii) otherwise  
951 lacking legal capacity, such person shall be a parent, guardian or person  
952 having legal custody of such qualifying patient, and (B) in the case of a  
953 qualifying patient eighteen years of age or older or an emancipated  
954 minor, the need for such person shall be evaluated by the qualifying  
955 patient's physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered  
956 nurse and such need shall be documented in the written certification;

957        [(6)] (7) "Cultivation" includes planting, propagating, cultivating,  
958 growing and harvesting;

959        [(7)] (8) "Debilitating medical condition" means (A) cancer, glaucoma,  
960 positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune  
961 deficiency syndrome, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to  
962 the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological  
963 indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy or uncontrolled intractable

964 seizure disorder, cachexia, wasting syndrome, Crohn's disease,  
965 posttraumatic stress disorder, irreversible spinal cord injury with  
966 objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, cerebral palsy,  
967 cystic fibrosis or terminal illness requiring end-of-life care, except, if the  
968 qualifying patient is under eighteen years of age, "debilitating medical  
969 condition" means terminal illness requiring end-of-life care, irreversible  
970 spinal cord injury with objective neurological indication of intractable  
971 spasticity, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, severe epilepsy or uncontrolled  
972 intractable seizure disorder, or (B) any medical condition, medical  
973 treatment or disease approved for qualifying patients by the  
974 Department of Consumer Protection and posted online pursuant to  
975 section 21a-408l, as amended by this act;

976 [(8)] (9) "Dispensary facility" means a place of business, for which the  
977 department has issued a dispensary facility license pursuant to this  
978 chapter, where [marijuana] cannabis may be dispensed, sold or  
979 distributed in accordance with this chapter and any regulations adopted  
980 thereunder to qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-state patients and  
981 caregivers; [and for which the department has issued a dispensary  
982 facility license pursuant to this chapter;]

983 [(9)] (10) "Employee" has the same meaning as provided in section  
984 21a-420, as amended by this act;

985 [(10)] (11) "Institutional animal care and use committee" means a  
986 committee that oversees an organization's animal program, facilities  
987 and procedures to ensure compliance with federal policies, guidelines  
988 and principles related to the care and use of animals in research;

989 [(11)] (12) "Institutional review board" means a specifically  
990 constituted review body established or designated by an organization  
991 to protect the rights and welfare of persons recruited to participate in  
992 biomedical, behavioral or social science research;

993 [(12)] (13) "Licensed dispensary" or "dispensary" means an individual  
994 who is a licensed pharmacist employed by a dispensary facility or

995 hybrid retailer;

996 [(13) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
997 240;]

998 (14) "Nurse" means a person who is licensed as a nurse under chapter  
999 378;

1000 (15) "Palliative use" (A) means the acquisition, distribution, transfer,  
1001 possession, use or transportation of [marijuana] cannabis or  
1002 paraphernalia relating to [marijuana] cannabis, including the transfer of  
1003 [marijuana] cannabis and paraphernalia relating to [marijuana]  
1004 cannabis from the patient's caregiver to the qualifying patient, to  
1005 alleviate a qualifying patient's symptoms of a debilitating medical  
1006 condition or the effects of such symptoms, [but] (B) includes the  
1007 acquisition, distribution, transfer, possession or use of cannabis or  
1008 paraphernalia relating to cannabis by a qualifying out-of-state patient,  
1009 and (C) does not include any such use of [marijuana] cannabis by any  
1010 person other than the qualifying patient or qualifying out-of-state  
1011 patient;

1012 (16) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in section  
1013 21a-240, as amended by this act;

1014 (17) "Physician" means a person who is licensed as a physician under  
1015 chapter 370;

1016 (18) "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed as a  
1017 physician assistant under chapter 370;

1018 (19) "Producer" means a person who is licensed as a producer  
1019 pursuant to section 21a-408i, as amended by this act;

1020 (20) "Qualifying patient" means a person who (A) is a resident of  
1021 Connecticut, (B) has been diagnosed by a physician, physician assistant  
1022 or advanced practice registered nurse as having a debilitating medical  
1023 condition, and (C) (i) is eighteen years of age or older, (ii) is an

1024 emancipated minor, or (iii) has written consent from a custodial parent,  
1025 guardian or other person having legal custody of such person that  
1026 indicates that such person has permission from such parent, guardian  
1027 or other person for the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis for a  
1028 debilitating medical condition and that such parent, guardian or other  
1029 person will (I) serve as a caregiver for the qualifying patient, and (II)  
1030 control the acquisition and possession of [marijuana] cannabis and any  
1031 related paraphernalia for palliative use on behalf of such person.  
1032 "Qualifying patient" does not include an inmate confined in a  
1033 correctional institution or facility under the supervision of the  
1034 Department of Correction;

1035 (21) "Qualifying out-of-state patient" means a person who (A) is a  
1036 resident of another state, and (B) holds a valid credential that entitles  
1037 such person to engage in the palliative use of cannabis in such other  
1038 state;

1039 [(21)] (22) "Research program" means a study approved by the  
1040 Department of Consumer Protection in accordance with this chapter  
1041 and undertaken to increase information or knowledge regarding the  
1042 growth or processing of [marijuana] cannabis, or the medical attributes,  
1043 dosage forms, administration or use of [marijuana] cannabis to treat or  
1044 alleviate symptoms of any medical conditions or the effects of such  
1045 symptoms;

1046 [(22)] (23) "Research program employee" means a person who (A) is  
1047 registered as a research program employee under section 21a-408t, or  
1048 (B) holds a temporary certificate of registration issued pursuant to  
1049 section 21a-408t;

1050 [(23)] (24) "Research program subject" means a person registered as a  
1051 research program subject pursuant to section 21a-408v, as amended by  
1052 this act;

1053 [(24) "Usable marijuana"] (25) "Usable cannabis" means the dried  
1054 leaves and flowers of the [marijuana] cannabis plant, and any mixtures

1055 or preparations of such leaves and flowers, that are appropriate for the  
1056 palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis, but does not include the seeds,  
1057 stalks and roots of the [marijuana] cannabis plant; and

1058 [(25)] (26) "Written certification" means a written certification issued  
1059 by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered  
1060 nurse pursuant to section 21a-408c, as amended by this act.

1061 Sec. 25. Section 21a-408a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1062 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1063 (a) A qualifying patient shall register with the Department of  
1064 Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-408d, as amended by this  
1065 act, prior to engaging in the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis. A  
1066 qualifying patient who has a valid registration certificate from the  
1067 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of  
1068 section 21a-408d, as amended by this act, and complies with the  
1069 requirements of sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by  
1070 this act, shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any  
1071 manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty,  
1072 or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being  
1073 subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for  
1074 the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis if:

1075 (1) The qualifying patient's physician, physician assistant or  
1076 advanced practice registered nurse has issued a written certification to  
1077 the qualifying patient for the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis after  
1078 the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse  
1079 has prescribed, or determined it is not in the best interest of the patient  
1080 to prescribe, prescription drugs to address the symptoms or effects for  
1081 which the certification is being issued;

1082 (2) The combined amount of [marijuana] cannabis possessed by the  
1083 qualifying patient and the caregiver for palliative use does not exceed  
1084 five ounces;

1085 (3) The qualifying patient has not more than one caregiver at any  
1086 time; and

1087 (4) Any cannabis plants grown by the qualifying patient in [his or]  
1088 the qualifying patient's home [is] are in compliance with subsection (b)  
1089 of section 21a-408d, as amended by this act, and any applicable  
1090 regulations.

1091 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to:

1092 (1) Any palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis that endangers the  
1093 health or well-being of a person other than the qualifying patient or the  
1094 caregiver; or

1095 (2) The ingestion of [marijuana] cannabis (A) in a motor bus or a  
1096 school bus or in any other moving vehicle, (B) in the workplace, (C) on  
1097 any school grounds or any public or private school, dormitory, college  
1098 or university property, unless such college or university is participating  
1099 in a research program and such use is pursuant to the terms of the  
1100 research program, (D) in any public place, or (E) in the presence of a  
1101 person under the age of eighteen, unless such person is a qualifying  
1102 patient or research program subject. For the purposes of this  
1103 subdivision, (i) "presence" means within the direct line of sight of the  
1104 palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis or exposure to second-hand  
1105 [marijuana] cannabis smoke, or both; (ii) "public place" means any area  
1106 that is used or held out for use by the public whether owned or operated  
1107 by public or private interests; (iii) "vehicle" means a vehicle, as defined  
1108 in section 14-1; (iv) "motor bus" means a motor bus, as defined in section  
1109 14-1; and (v) "school bus" means a school bus, as defined in section 14-  
1110 1.

1111 (c) (1) A qualifying out-of-state patient who complies with the  
1112 requirements established pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408h,  
1113 as amended by this act, shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution,  
1114 penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to  
1115 any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not

1116 limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by a professional  
1117 licensing board, for the palliative use of cannabis if the amount of  
1118 cannabis possessed by the qualifying out-of-state patient for palliative  
1119 use does not exceed five ounces.

1120 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection do not apply  
1121 to (A) any palliative use of cannabis described in subdivision (1) of  
1122 subsection (b) of this section, or (B) any ingestion of cannabis described  
1123 in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section.

1124 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 21a-408b of the general statutes is  
1125 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1126 *1, 2026*):

1127 (b) A caregiver who has a valid registration certificate from the  
1128 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of  
1129 section 21a-408d, as amended by this act, and complies with the  
1130 requirements of sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by  
1131 this act, shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any  
1132 manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty,  
1133 or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being  
1134 subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for  
1135 the acquisition, distribution, possession or transportation of [marijuana]  
1136 cannabis or paraphernalia related to [marijuana] cannabis on behalf of  
1137 such caregiver's qualifying patient, provided the amount of any  
1138 [marijuana] cannabis so acquired, distributed, possessed or transported,  
1139 together with the combined amount of usable [marijuana] cannabis  
1140 possessed by the qualifying patient and the caregiver, does not exceed  
1141 five ounces. For the purposes of this subsection, "distribution" or  
1142 "distributed" means the transfer of [marijuana] cannabis and  
1143 paraphernalia related to [marijuana] cannabis from the caregiver to the  
1144 qualifying patient.

1145 Sec. 27. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 21a-408c of the 2026  
1146 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is

1147 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1148 (a) (1) A physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
1149 registered nurse may issue a written certification to a qualifying patient  
1150 that authorizes the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis by the  
1151 qualifying patient. Such written certification shall be in the form  
1152 prescribed by the Department of Consumer Protection and shall include  
1153 a statement signed and dated by the qualifying patient's physician,  
1154 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse stating that, in  
1155 such physician's, physician assistant's or advanced practice registered  
1156 nurse's professional opinion, (A) the qualifying patient has a  
1157 debilitating medical condition, and (B) the potential benefits of the  
1158 palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis would likely outweigh the health  
1159 risks of such use to the qualifying patient.

1160 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (6) of this subsection, any  
1161 written certification issued by a physician, physician assistant or  
1162 advanced practice registered nurse pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
1163 subsection shall be valid for a period not to exceed one of the following  
1164 durations, as determined by the physician, physician assistant or  
1165 advanced practice registered nurse and beginning on the date on which  
1166 such written certification is signed and dated by the physician,  
1167 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse: (A) Six  
1168 months; (B) one year; (C) eighteen months; or (D) two years.

1169 (3) Except as provided in subdivision (6) of this subsection, not later  
1170 than ten calendar days after the expiration of the period determined by  
1171 the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse  
1172 under subdivision (2) of this subsection, or at any time before the  
1173 expiration of such period should the qualifying patient no longer wish  
1174 to possess [marijuana] cannabis for palliative use, the qualifying patient  
1175 or the caregiver shall destroy all usable [marijuana] cannabis possessed  
1176 by the qualifying patient and the caregiver for palliative use.

1177 (4) A physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered

1178 nurse shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any  
1179 manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty,  
1180 or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being  
1181 subject to any disciplinary action by the Connecticut Medical Examining  
1182 Board, the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing or other  
1183 professional licensing board, for providing a written certification under  
1184 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-408a, as amended by this  
1185 act, if:

1186 (A) The physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
1187 registered nurse has diagnosed the qualifying patient as having a  
1188 debilitating medical condition;

1189 (B) The physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered  
1190 nurse has explained the potential risks and benefits of the palliative use  
1191 of [marijuana] cannabis to the qualifying patient and, if the qualifying  
1192 patient lacks legal capacity, to a parent, guardian or person having legal  
1193 custody of the qualifying patient, to the qualifying patient's caregiver or  
1194 to a person legally authorized to make medical decisions on behalf of  
1195 the qualifying patient;

1196 (C) The written certification issued by the physician, physician  
1197 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse is based upon the  
1198 physician's, physician assistant's or advanced practice registered nurse's  
1199 professional opinion after having completed a medically reasonable  
1200 assessment of the qualifying patient's medical history and current  
1201 medical condition made in the course of a bona fide health care  
1202 professional-patient relationship; and

1203 (D) The physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
1204 registered nurse has no financial interest in a cannabis establishment,  
1205 except for retailers and delivery services, as such terms are defined in  
1206 section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

1207 (5) A physician assistant or nurse shall not be subject to arrest or  
1208 prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to,

1209 being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege,  
1210 including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by  
1211 the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, Board of Examiners for  
1212 Nursing or other professional licensing board, for administering  
1213 [marijuana] cannabis to a qualifying patient or research program subject  
1214 in a hospital or health care facility licensed by the Department of Public  
1215 Health.

1216 (6) A licensed dispensary, acting in the course of the licensed  
1217 dispensary's employment on the premises of the dispensary facility or  
1218 hybrid retailer that employs such licensed dispensary, may grant a  
1219 temporary extension of a written certification issued by a physician,  
1220 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse pursuant to  
1221 subdivision (1) of this subsection for a period not to exceed ninety  
1222 consecutive days following expiration of such written certification.

1223 (b) (1) A licensed dispensary, acting in the course of the licensed  
1224 dispensary's employment and on the premises of the dispensary facility  
1225 or hybrid retailer that employs such licensed dispensary, may issue a  
1226 temporary written certification to an individual that authorizes the  
1227 individual to engage in the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis as a  
1228 qualifying patient for a period not to exceed ninety consecutive days,  
1229 provided such licensed dispensary has:

1230 (A) Reasonably determined, after reviewing such individual's  
1231 medical history, that such individual is at least eighteen years of age and  
1232 has a debilitating medical condition;

1233 (B) Conducted an in-person assessment of such individual at the  
1234 dispensary facility or on the premises of the hybrid retailer that employs  
1235 the licensed dispensary; and

1236 (C) Reviewed the electronic prescription drug monitoring program  
1237 established pursuant to section 21a-254 and verified that no other  
1238 licensed dispensary had prescribed or dispensed [marijuana] cannabis  
1239 to such individual during the one-year period immediately preceding

1240 the date of such review.

1241 (2) Each temporary written certification issued pursuant to  
1242 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be in a form prescribed by the  
1243 Department of Consumer Protection and shall include a statement  
1244 signed and dated by the licensed dispensary stating that, in such  
1245 licensed dispensary's professional opinion, (A) the individual has  
1246 provided sufficient proof that such individual has a debilitating medical  
1247 condition, and (B) the potential benefits the individual would derive  
1248 from the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis likely outweigh the  
1249 health risks that such use would pose to such individual.

1250 (3) A licensed dispensary that issues a temporary written certification  
1251 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, or the dispensary facility  
1252 or hybrid retailer that employs such licensed dispensary, may impose a  
1253 fee for such temporary written certification, which fee shall not exceed  
1254 twenty-five dollars. Such licensed dispensary, dispensary facility or  
1255 hybrid retailer shall not impose any other fee in connection with such  
1256 temporary written certification.

1257 (4) A licensed dispensary that issues a temporary written certification  
1258 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall maintain all patient  
1259 assessment and eligibility documentation concerning such temporary  
1260 written certification for a period of at least three years beginning on the  
1261 date on which the licensed dispensary issued such temporary written  
1262 certification. Such documentation shall be organized and maintained  
1263 (A) in hard copy at the dispensary facility or hybrid retailer premises at  
1264 which the licensed dispensary conducted an in-person assessment of the  
1265 patient, or (B) electronically in a system readily accessible by the  
1266 licensed dispensary.

1267 (5) A licensed dispensary that issues a temporary written certification  
1268 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall ensure that all patient  
1269 assessment and eligibility documentation maintained pursuant to  
1270 subdivision (4) of this subsection is made readily available to the

1271 department, and shall submit any such documentation to the  
1272 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, not  
1273 later than forty-eight hours after the department requests such  
1274 documentation.

1275 (6) A licensed dispensary shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution,  
1276 penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to  
1277 any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not  
1278 limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by the Commission  
1279 of Pharmacy or any other professional licensing board, for providing a  
1280 temporary written certification pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
1281 subsection if:

1282 (A) The licensed dispensary has reasonably determined, after  
1283 reviewing the individual's medical history, that the individual is  
1284 eighteen years of age or older and has a debilitating medical condition;  
1285 and

1286 (B) The licensed dispensary has explained the potential risks and  
1287 benefits of the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis to the individual  
1288 and, if the individual lacks legal capacity, to a parent, guardian or  
1289 person having legal custody of the individual or to a person legally  
1290 authorized to make medical decisions on behalf of the individual.

1291 Sec. 28. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 21a-408d of the  
1292 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1293 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1294 (a) Each qualifying patient who is issued a written certification for the  
1295 palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis under subdivision (1) of  
1296 subsection (a) of section 21a-408a, as amended by this act, and the  
1297 caregiver of such qualifying patient, shall register with the Department  
1298 of Consumer Protection. Such registration shall be effective from the  
1299 date the Department of Consumer Protection issues a certificate of  
1300 registration until the expiration of the written certification issued by the  
1301 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

1302 The qualifying patient and the caregiver shall provide sufficient  
1303 identifying information, as determined by the department, to establish  
1304 the personal identity of the qualifying patient and the caregiver. If the  
1305 qualifying patient is under eighteen years of age and not an  
1306 emancipated minor, the custodial parent, guardian or other person  
1307 having legal custody of the qualifying patient shall also provide a letter  
1308 from both the qualifying patient's care provider and a physician who is  
1309 board certified in an area of medicine involved in the treatment of the  
1310 debilitating condition for which the qualifying patient was certified that  
1311 confirms that the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis is in the best  
1312 interest of the qualifying patient. A physician may issue a written  
1313 certification for the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis by a  
1314 qualifying patient who is under eighteen years of age, provided such  
1315 written certification shall not be for [marijuana] cannabis in a dosage  
1316 form that requires that the [marijuana] cannabis be smoked, inhaled or  
1317 vaporized. The qualifying patient or the caregiver shall report any  
1318 change in the identifying information to the department not later than  
1319 five business days after such change. The department shall issue a  
1320 registration certificate to the qualifying patient and to the caregiver.

1321 (b) Any qualifying patient who is eighteen years of age or older may  
1322 cultivate up to three mature cannabis plants and three immature  
1323 cannabis plants in the patient's primary residence at any given time,  
1324 provided such plants are secure from access by any individual other  
1325 than the patient or patient's caregiver and no more than twelve cannabis  
1326 plants may be grown per household.

1327 (c) A dispensary shall not dispense any [marijuana] cannabis  
1328 products in a smokable, inhalable or vaporizable form to (1) a qualifying  
1329 patient who is under eighteen years of age or such qualifying patient's  
1330 caregiver, or (2) a qualifying out-of-state patient who is under eighteen  
1331 years of age.

1332 Sec. 29. Section 21a-408e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1333 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1334 No person shall be subject to arrest or prosecution solely for being in  
1335 the presence or vicinity of the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis as  
1336 permitted under sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by  
1337 this act.

1338 Sec. 30. Section 21a-408f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1339 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1340 Any [marijuana] cannabis, paraphernalia relating to [marijuana]  
1341 cannabis, or other property seized by law enforcement officials from a  
1342 qualifying patient, [or a] qualifying out-of-state patient or caregiver in  
1343 connection with the claimed palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis  
1344 under sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by this act,  
1345 shall be returned to the qualifying patient, [or the] qualifying out-of-  
1346 state patient or caregiver immediately upon the determination by a  
1347 court that the qualifying patient, [or the] qualifying out-of-state patient  
1348 or caregiver is entitled to the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis  
1349 under sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by this act,  
1350 as evidenced by a decision not to prosecute, a dismissal of charges or an  
1351 acquittal. The provisions of this section do not apply to any qualifying  
1352 patient, qualifying out-of-state patient or caregiver who fails to comply  
1353 with the requirements for the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis  
1354 under sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by this act.

1355 Sec. 31. Section 21a-408g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1356 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1357 (a) Any person who makes a fraudulent representation to a law  
1358 enforcement official of any fact or circumstance relating to the palliative  
1359 use of [marijuana] cannabis in order to avoid arrest or prosecution  
1360 under chapter 420b or any other provision of the general statutes shall  
1361 be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

1362 (b) Any person who makes a fraudulent representation to a law  
1363 enforcement official of any fact or circumstance relating to the issuance,  
1364 contents or validity of a written certification for the palliative use of

1365 [marijuana] cannabis, or a document purporting to be such a written  
1366 certification, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

1367 Sec. 32. Section 21a-408h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1368 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1369 (a) No person may act as a dispensary or represent that such person  
1370 is a licensed dispensary unless such person has obtained a license from  
1371 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

1372 (b) No person may act as a dispensary facility or represent that such  
1373 person is a licensed dispensary facility unless such person has obtained  
1374 a license from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to  
1375 this section.

1376 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall determine the  
1377 number of dispensary facilities appropriate to meet the needs of  
1378 qualifying patients in this state and shall adopt regulations, in  
1379 accordance with chapter 54, to provide for the licensure and standards  
1380 for dispensary facilities in this state and specify the maximum number  
1381 of dispensary facilities that may be licensed in this state. On and after  
1382 the effective date of such regulations, the commissioner may license any  
1383 person who applies for a license in accordance with such regulations,  
1384 provided the commissioner deems such applicant qualified to acquire,  
1385 possess, distribute and dispense [marijuana] cannabis pursuant to  
1386 sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by this act. At a  
1387 minimum, such regulations shall:

1388 (1) Indicate the maximum number of dispensary facilities that may  
1389 be licensed in this state;

1390 (2) Provide that no [marijuana] cannabis may be dispensed from,  
1391 obtained from or transferred to a location outside of this state;

1392 (3) Provide for renewal of dispensary facility licenses at least every  
1393 two years;

1394 (4) Describe areas in this state where dispensary facilities may not be  
1395 located, after considering the criteria for the location of retail liquor  
1396 permit premises set forth in subsection (a) of section 30-46;

1397 (5) Establish health, safety and security requirements for dispensary  
1398 facilities, which may include, but need not be limited to: (A) The ability  
1399 to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft and loss of  
1400 [marijuana] cannabis acquired or possessed by the dispensary facility,  
1401 and (B) the ability to maintain the knowledge, understanding,  
1402 judgment, procedures, security controls and ethics to ensure optimal  
1403 safety and accuracy in the distributing, dispensing and use of palliative  
1404 [marijuana] cannabis;

1405 (6) Establish standards and procedures for revocation, suspension,  
1406 summary suspension and nonrenewal of dispensary facility licenses,  
1407 provided such standards and procedures are consistent with the  
1408 provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-182; and

1409 (7) Establish other licensing, renewal and operational standards  
1410 deemed necessary by the commissioner.

1411 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or chapter 420h  
1412 limiting the dispensing, sale or distribution of cannabis by dispensary  
1413 facilities to qualifying patients and caregivers, a dispensary facility may  
1414 dispense, sell or distribute cannabis to qualifying out-of-state patients.  
1415 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations or  
1416 amend regulations, as applicable, in accordance with chapter 54 to  
1417 implement the provisions of this subsection.

1418 Sec. 33. Section 21a-408i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1419 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1420 (a) No person may act as a producer or represent that such person is  
1421 a licensed producer unless such person has obtained a license from the  
1422 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

1423 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall determine the  
1424 number of producers appropriate to meet the needs of qualifying  
1425 patients in this state and shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
1426 chapter 54, to provide for the licensure, standards and locations for  
1427 producers in this state and specify the maximum number of producers  
1428 that may be licensed in this state at any time. On and after the effective  
1429 date of such regulations, the commissioner may license any person who  
1430 applies for a license in accordance with such regulations, provided (1)  
1431 such person is organized for the purpose of cultivating [marijuana]  
1432 cannabis for palliative use in this state, (2) the commissioner finds that  
1433 such applicant has appropriate expertise in agriculture and that such  
1434 applicant is qualified to cultivate [marijuana] cannabis and sell, deliver,  
1435 transport or distribute [marijuana] cannabis solely within this state  
1436 pursuant to sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by this  
1437 act, and (3) the number of producer licenses issued does not exceed the  
1438 number appropriate to meet the needs of qualifying patients in this  
1439 state, as determined by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection.  
1440 At a minimum, such regulations shall:

1441 (A) Indicate the maximum number of producers that may be licensed  
1442 in this state at any time, which number shall not be less than three nor  
1443 more than ten producers;

1444 (B) Provide that no [marijuana] cannabis may be sold, delivered,  
1445 transported or distributed by a producer from or to a location outside of  
1446 this state;

1447 (C) Establish a nonrefundable application fee of not less than twenty-  
1448 five thousand dollars for each application submitted for a producer  
1449 license;

1450 (D) Establish a license fee and renewal fee for each licensed producer,  
1451 provided the aggregate amount of such license and renewal fees shall  
1452 not be less than the amount necessary to cover the direct and indirect  
1453 cost of licensing and regulating producers pursuant to sections 21a-408

1454 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by this act;

1455 (E) Provide for renewal of such producer licenses at least every five  
1456 years;

1457 (F) Provide that no producer may cultivate [marijuana] cannabis for  
1458 palliative use outside of this state and designate permissible locations  
1459 for licensed producers in this state;

1460 (G) Establish financial requirements for producers, under which (i)  
1461 each applicant demonstrates the financial capacity to build and operate  
1462 a [marijuana] cannabis production facility, and (ii) each licensed  
1463 producer may be required to maintain an escrow account in a financial  
1464 institution in this state in an amount of two million dollars;

1465 (H) Establish health, safety and security requirements for licensed  
1466 producers, which shall include, but need not be limited to, a  
1467 requirement that the applicant or licensed producer demonstrate: (i) The  
1468 ability to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft and loss  
1469 of [marijuana] cannabis cultivated by the producer, and (ii) the ability  
1470 to cultivate pharmaceutical grade [marijuana] cannabis for palliative  
1471 use in a secure indoor facility;

1472 (I) Define "pharmaceutical grade [marijuana] cannabis for palliative  
1473 use" for the purposes of this section;

1474 (J) Establish standards and procedures for revocation, suspension,  
1475 summary suspension and nonrenewal of producer licenses, provided  
1476 such standards and procedures are consistent with the provisions of  
1477 subsection (c) of section 4-182; and

1478 (K) Establish other licensing, renewal and operational standards  
1479 deemed necessary by the commissioner.

1480 (c) No producer shall be required to staff any transport vehicle with  
1481 more than one employee in order to deliver or transport cannabis to a  
1482 dispensary facility, cannabis testing laboratory or research program

1483 location.

1484 [(c)] (d) Any fees collected by the Department of Consumer  
1485 Protection under this section shall be paid to the State Treasurer and  
1486 credited to the General Fund.

1487 Sec. 34. Section 21a-408j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1488 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1489 (a) No dispensary facility or employee of the dispensary facility may:  
1490 (1) Acquire [marijuana] cannabis from a person other than a producer,  
1491 [from a] cultivator, micro-cultivator, product manufacturer, food and  
1492 beverage manufacturer, product packager [,] or transporter, as such  
1493 terms are defined in section 21a-420, as amended by this act; (2) transfer  
1494 or transport [marijuana] cannabis to a person who is not (A) a qualifying  
1495 patient registered under section 21a-408d, as amended by this act; (B) a  
1496 caregiver of [such] a qualifying patient [; (C)] registered under section  
1497 21a-408d, as amended by this act; (C) a qualifying out-of-state patient;  
1498 (D) a hospice or other inpatient care facility licensed by the Department  
1499 of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that has a protocol for the  
1500 handling and distribution of [marijuana] cannabis that has been  
1501 approved by the Department of Consumer Protection; [(D)] (E) a  
1502 cannabis testing laboratory; [(E)] (F) an organization engaged in a  
1503 research program; [(F)] (G) a delivery service, as defined in section 21a-  
1504 420, as amended by this act; or [(G)] (H) a transporter, as defined in  
1505 section 21a-420, as amended by this act; or (3) obtain or transport  
1506 [marijuana] cannabis outside of this state in violation of state or federal  
1507 law.

1508 (b) No dispensary or employee of the dispensary facility acting  
1509 within the scope of his or her employment shall be subject to arrest or  
1510 prosecution or penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to,  
1511 being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege,  
1512 including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by  
1513 a professional licensing board, for acquiring, possessing, distributing or

1514 dispensing [marijuana] cannabis pursuant to sections 21a-408 to 21a-  
1515 408m, inclusive, as amended by this act.

1516 Sec. 35. Section 21a-408k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1517 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1518 (a) No producer or employee of the producer may: (1) Sell, deliver,  
1519 transport or distribute [marijuana] cannabis to a person who is not (A)  
1520 a cannabis establishment, (B) a cannabis testing laboratory, or (C) an  
1521 organization engaged in a research program, or (2) obtain or transport  
1522 [marijuana] cannabis outside of this state in violation of state or federal  
1523 law.

1524 (b) No licensed producer or employee of the producer acting within  
1525 the scope of such employee's employment shall be subject to arrest or  
1526 prosecution or penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to,  
1527 being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege,  
1528 including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by  
1529 a professional licensing board, for cultivating [marijuana] cannabis or  
1530 selling, delivering, transferring, transporting or distributing [marijuana]  
1531 cannabis to a cannabis establishment, cannabis testing laboratory or  
1532 research program.

1533 Sec. 36. Section 21a-408l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1534 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1535 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall establish a Board  
1536 of Physicians consisting of eight physicians or surgeons who are  
1537 knowledgeable about the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis and  
1538 certified by the appropriate American board in the medical specialty in  
1539 which they practice, at least one of whom shall be a board certified  
1540 pediatrician appointed in consultation with the Connecticut Chapter of  
1541 the American Academy of Pediatrics. Four of the members of the board  
1542 first appointed shall serve for a term of three years and four of the  
1543 members of the board first appointed shall serve for a term of four years.  
1544 Thereafter, members of the board shall serve for a term of four years and

1545 shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member of the board may serve  
1546 until a successor is appointed. The Commissioner of Consumer  
1547 Protection shall serve as an ex-officio member of the board, and shall  
1548 select a chairperson from among the members of the board.

1549 (b) A quorum of the Board of Physicians shall consist of four  
1550 members.

1551 (c) The Board of Physicians shall:

1552 (1) Review and recommend to the Department of Consumer  
1553 Protection for approval the debilitating medical conditions, medical  
1554 treatments or diseases to be added to the list of debilitating medical  
1555 conditions that qualify for the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis for  
1556 qualifying patients eighteen years of age or older;

1557 (2) Review and recommend to the Department of Consumer  
1558 Protection for approval any illnesses that are severely debilitating, as  
1559 defined in 21 CFR 312.81(b), to be added to the list of debilitating  
1560 medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of [marijuana]  
1561 cannabis for qualifying patients under eighteen years of age, taking into  
1562 account, among other things, the effect of the palliative use of  
1563 [marijuana] cannabis on the brain development of such patients, which  
1564 recommendations shall be accepted or rejected by the commissioner in  
1565 his or her discretion;

1566 (3) Accept and review petitions to add medical conditions, medical  
1567 treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that  
1568 qualify for the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis;

1569 (4) Convene as necessary to conduct public hearings and to evaluate  
1570 petitions, which shall be maintained as confidential pursuant to  
1571 subsection (e) of this section, for the purpose of adding medical  
1572 conditions, medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating  
1573 medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of [marijuana]  
1574 cannabis;

1575 (5) Review and recommend to the Department of Consumer  
1576 Protection protocols for determining the amounts of [marijuana]  
1577 cannabis that may be reasonably necessary to ensure uninterrupted  
1578 availability for a period of one month for qualifying patients, including  
1579 amounts for topical treatments; and

1580 (6) Perform other duties related to the palliative use of [marijuana]  
1581 cannabis upon the request of the Commissioner of Consumer  
1582 Protection.

1583 (d) The Board of Physicians may review the list of debilitating  
1584 medical conditions that qualify for the palliative use of [marijuana]  
1585 cannabis and make recommendations to the joint standing committees  
1586 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
1587 [general law] consumer protection and public health for the removal of  
1588 a debilitating medical condition, medical treatment or disease from such  
1589 list.

1590 (e) Any individually identifiable health information contained in a  
1591 petition received under this section shall be confidential and shall not  
1592 be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as  
1593 defined in section 1-200.

1594 (f) [On and after October 1, 2021, conditions] Conditions added  
1595 pursuant to this section to the list of debilitating medical conditions that  
1596 qualify for the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis shall be posted by  
1597 the commissioner on the Department of Consumer Protection's Internet  
1598 web site. Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172,  
1599 inclusive, the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualify for the  
1600 palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis shall be deemed approved and  
1601 effective without further action as of the date such conditions are posted  
1602 on the Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site.

1603 Sec. 37. Section 21a-408m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1604 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1605 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
1606 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to establish (1) a standard  
1607 form for written certifications for the palliative use of [marijuana]  
1608 cannabis issued by physicians, physician assistants and advanced  
1609 practice registered nurses under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of  
1610 section 21a-408a, as amended by this act, and (2) procedures for  
1611 registrations under section 21a-408d, as amended by this act. Such  
1612 regulations, if any, shall be adopted after consultation with the Board of  
1613 Physicians established in section 21a-408l, as amended by this act.

1614 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt or amend  
1615 regulations, as applicable, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement  
1616 the provisions of sections 21a-408 to 21a-408g, inclusive, as amended by  
1617 this act, and section 21a-408l, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding  
1618 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to  
1619 effectuate the purposes of sections 21a-408 to 21a-408g, inclusive, as  
1620 amended by this act, and section 21a-408l, as amended by this act, and  
1621 protect public health and safety, prior to adopting or amending such  
1622 regulations the commissioner shall adopt policies and procedures to  
1623 implement the provisions of sections 21a-408 to 21a-408g, inclusive, as  
1624 amended by this act, and section 21a-408, as amended by this act, that  
1625 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all  
1626 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site, and  
1627 submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for  
1628 posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the  
1629 effective date of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure  
1630 shall no longer be effective upon the earlier of either adoption of such  
1631 policies or procedures as a final regulation pursuant to section 4-172 or  
1632 forty-eight months from October 1, 2021, if such policies or procedures  
1633 have not been submitted to the legislative regulation review committee  
1634 for consideration under section 4-170. Such policies and procedures and  
1635 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, how the department  
1636 shall:

1637 (1) Accept applications for the issuance and renewal of registration

1638 certificates for qualifying patients and caregivers;

1639 (2) Establish criteria for adding medical conditions, medical  
1640 treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical conditions that  
1641 qualify for the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis;

1642 (3) Establish a petition process under which members of the public  
1643 may submit petitions, regarding the addition of medical conditions,  
1644 medical treatments or diseases to the list of debilitating medical  
1645 conditions;

1646 (4) Establish requirements for the growing of cannabis plants by a  
1647 qualifying patient in his or her primary residence as authorized under  
1648 section 21a-408d, as amended by this act, including requirements for  
1649 securing such plants to prevent access by any individual other than the  
1650 patient or the patient's caregiver, the location of such plants and any  
1651 other requirements necessary to protect public health or safety;

1652 (5) Develop a distribution system for [marijuana] cannabis for  
1653 palliative use that provides for:

1654 (A) [Marijuana] Cannabis production facilities within this state that  
1655 are housed on secured grounds and operated by producers;

1656 (B) The transfer of [marijuana] cannabis between dispensary  
1657 facilities; and

1658 (C) Distribution of [marijuana] cannabis for palliative use to  
1659 qualifying patients or their caregivers by dispensary facilities, hybrid  
1660 retailers and delivery services, as such terms are defined in section 21a-  
1661 420, as amended by this act; and

1662 (6) Ensure an adequate supply and variety of [marijuana] cannabis to  
1663 dispensary facilities and hybrid retailers to ensure uninterrupted  
1664 availability for qualifying patients, based on historical [marijuana]  
1665 cannabis purchase patterns by qualifying patients.

1666 Sec. 38. Section 21a-408o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1667 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1668 Nothing in sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by  
1669 this act, or section 21a-243, as amended by this act, shall be construed to  
1670 require health insurance coverage for the palliative use of [marijuana]  
1671 cannabis.

1672 Sec. 39. Subsection (c) of section 21a-408p of the general statutes is  
1673 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1674 *1, 2026*):

1675 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the palliative  
1676 use of [marijuana] cannabis in violation of subsection (b) of section 21a-  
1677 408a, as amended by this act.

1678 Sec. 40. Subsection (d) of section 21a-408r of the general statutes is  
1679 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1680 *1, 2026*):

1681 (d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt  
1682 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1) provide for the  
1683 licensure or registration of cannabis testing laboratories and cannabis  
1684 testing laboratory employees, (2) establish standards and procedures for  
1685 the revocation, suspension, summary suspension and nonrenewal of  
1686 cannabis testing laboratory licenses and cannabis testing laboratory  
1687 employee registrations, provided such standards and procedures are  
1688 consistent with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-182, (3)  
1689 establish a registration renewal fee for each registered cannabis testing  
1690 laboratory employee, provided the aggregate amount of such fees shall  
1691 not be less than the amount necessary to cover the direct and indirect  
1692 cost of registering and regulating cannabis testing laboratory employees  
1693 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, (4) establish  
1694 procedures by which cannabis testing laboratories shall accept  
1695 [marijuana] cannabis samples from caregivers, qualifying patients and  
1696 consumers for testing, and (5) establish other licensing, registration,

1697 renewal and operational standards deemed necessary by the  
1698 commissioner. For the purposes of this subsection, "consumer" has the  
1699 same meaning as provided in section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

1700 Sec. 41. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 21a-408s of the  
1701 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1702 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1703 (a) No cannabis testing laboratory or cannabis testing laboratory  
1704 employee may (1) acquire [marijuana] cannabis from a person other  
1705 than (A) a cannabis establishment or an organization engaged in a  
1706 research program, or (B) a caregiver, a qualifying patient or a consumer,  
1707 as defined in section 21a-420, as amended by this act, providing a  
1708 [marijuana] cannabis sample under regulations adopted by the  
1709 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (d) of  
1710 section 21a-408r, as amended by this act, (2) deliver, transport or  
1711 distribute [marijuana] cannabis to (A) a person who is not a cannabis  
1712 establishment from which the [marijuana] cannabis was originally  
1713 acquired by the cannabis testing laboratory or cannabis testing  
1714 laboratory employee, or (B) an organization not engaged in a research  
1715 program, or (3) obtain or transport [marijuana] cannabis outside of this  
1716 state in violation of state or federal law.

1717 (b) (1) No cannabis testing laboratory employee acting within the  
1718 scope of such cannabis testing laboratory employee's employment shall  
1719 be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including,  
1720 but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right  
1721 or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any  
1722 disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for acquiring,  
1723 possessing, delivering, transporting or distributing [marijuana]  
1724 cannabis to a cannabis establishment or an organization engaged in an  
1725 approved research program under the provisions of this chapter.

1726 (2) No cannabis testing laboratory shall be subject to prosecution,  
1727 penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to

1728 any civil penalty or denied any right or privilege, for acquiring,  
1729 possessing, delivering, transporting or distributing [marijuana]  
1730 cannabis to a cannabis establishment or an organization engaged in an  
1731 approved research program under the provisions of this chapter.

1732 (c) A cannabis testing laboratory shall be independent from all other  
1733 persons involved in the [marijuana] cannabis industry in Connecticut,  
1734 which shall mean that no person with a direct or indirect financial,  
1735 managerial or controlling interest in the cannabis testing laboratory  
1736 shall have a direct or indirect financial, managerial or controlling  
1737 interest in a cannabis establishment or any other entity that may benefit  
1738 from the laboratory test results for a cannabis [or marijuana] sample or  
1739 product.

1740 Sec. 42. Section 21a-408u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1741 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1742 (a) No research program or research program employee may (1)  
1743 acquire [marijuana] cannabis from a person other than a cannabis  
1744 establishment or cannabis testing laboratory, (2) deliver, transport or  
1745 distribute [marijuana] cannabis to a person who is not (A) a cannabis  
1746 establishment, (B) a cannabis testing laboratory, or (C) a research  
1747 program subject, (3) distribute or administer [marijuana] cannabis to an  
1748 animal unless such animal is an animal research subject, or (4) obtain or  
1749 transport [marijuana] cannabis outside of this state in violation of state  
1750 or federal law.

1751 (b) No research program employee acting within the scope of such  
1752 research program employee's employment shall be subject to arrest or  
1753 prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to,  
1754 being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege,  
1755 including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary action by  
1756 a professional licensing board, for acquiring, possessing, delivering,  
1757 transporting or distributing [marijuana] cannabis to a cannabis  
1758 establishment or cannabis testing laboratory, or a research program

1759 subject or distributing or administering [marijuana] cannabis to an  
1760 animal research subject under the provisions of this chapter.

1761 Sec. 43. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 21a-408v of the general  
1762 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1763 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1764 (b) A research program subject who has a valid registration certificate  
1765 from the Department of Consumer Protection and is acting within the  
1766 scope of his or her involvement in an approved research program shall  
1767 not be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner,  
1768 including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty or denied  
1769 any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any  
1770 disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for the use of  
1771 [marijuana] cannabis.

1772 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section do not apply to:

1773 (1) Any use of [marijuana] cannabis that endangers the health or well-  
1774 being of a person other than the research program subject or a research  
1775 program employee; or

1776 (2) The ingestion of [marijuana] cannabis (A) in a motor bus or a  
1777 school bus or in any other moving vehicle, (B) in the workplace, (C) on  
1778 any school grounds or any public or private school, dormitory, college  
1779 or university property unless such college or university is participating  
1780 in a research program and such use is pursuant to the terms of the  
1781 research program, (D) in any public place, or (E) in the presence of a  
1782 person under eighteen years of age unless such person is a qualifying  
1783 patient or research program subject. For purposes of this subdivision, (i)  
1784 "presence" means within the direct line of sight of the palliative use of  
1785 [marijuana] cannabis or exposure to second-hand [marijuana] cannabis  
1786 smoke, or both; (ii) "public place" means any area that is used or held  
1787 out for use by the public, whether owned or operated by public or  
1788 private interests; (iii) "vehicle" means a vehicle, as defined in section 14-  
1789 1; (iv) "motor bus" means a motor bus, as defined in section 14-1; and (v)

1790 "school bus" means a school bus, as defined in section 14-1.

1791 Sec. 44. Section 21a-408w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1792 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1793 (a) Each cannabis establishment shall submit [marijuana] cannabis  
1794 samples to a cannabis testing laboratory for testing as set forth in  
1795 subsection (b) of this section.

1796 (b) (1) A cannabis testing laboratory shall test each [marijuana]  
1797 cannabis sample submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section (A)  
1798 for microbiological contaminants, mycotoxins, heavy metals and  
1799 pesticide chemical residue, and (B) for purposes of conducting an active  
1800 ingredient analysis, if applicable.

1801 (2) Microbiological contaminant testing conducted pursuant to  
1802 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include, but  
1803 not be limited to, microbiological contaminant testing for *Aspergillus*  
1804 species as set forth by the Department of Consumer Protection and  
1805 posted on the department's Internet web site.

1806 (c) When conducting microbiological testing as set forth in subsection  
1807 (b) of this section, the [marijuana] cannabis sample shall be tested by  
1808 using (1) a molecular method that (A) includes quantitative polymerase  
1809 chain reaction, (B) is certified for identifying microbiological DNA, and  
1810 (C) is approved by (i) the Association of Official Analytical  
1811 Collaboration International, or (ii) a comparable national or  
1812 international standards organization designated by the Commissioner  
1813 of Consumer Protection, or (2) an alternative testing method approved  
1814 by the Department of Consumer Protection and posted on the  
1815 department's Internet web site.

1816 (d) If a [marijuana] cannabis sample does not pass the testing set forth  
1817 in subsection (b) of this section, the cannabis establishment that  
1818 submitted such failing [marijuana] cannabis sample to the cannabis  
1819 testing laboratory shall:

1820 (1) Repeat testing as set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section  
1821 on the [marijuana] cannabis batch from which such [marijuana]  
1822 cannabis sample was taken, in a form and manner approved by the  
1823 Department of Consumer Protection. If all repeated testing yields  
1824 satisfactory results, the [marijuana] cannabis batch from which the  
1825 [marijuana] cannabis samples were taken shall be released for sale;

1826 (2) If such cannabis establishment submits to the Commissioner of  
1827 Consumer Protection a remediation plan that is sufficient to ensure  
1828 public health and safety, and the commissioner approves such  
1829 remediation plan, remediate the [marijuana] cannabis batch from which  
1830 such [marijuana] cannabis sample was taken and repeat all testing as set  
1831 forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section on such remediated  
1832 [marijuana] cannabis batch, in a form and manner approved by the  
1833 Department of Consumer Protection. If all repeated testing yields  
1834 satisfactory results, the [marijuana] cannabis batch from which the  
1835 [marijuana] cannabis samples were taken shall be released for sale; or

1836 (3) If such cannabis establishment does not comply with subdivision  
1837 (1) or (2) of this subsection, or if any subsequent laboratory testing does  
1838 not yield satisfactory results for the testing set forth in subsections (a)  
1839 and (b) of this section, dispose of the entire [marijuana] cannabis batch  
1840 from which the [marijuana] cannabis sample was taken in accordance  
1841 with procedures established by the Commissioner of Consumer  
1842 Protection, as published on the Department of Consumer Protection's  
1843 Internet web site.

1844 (e) For purposes of the testing set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of  
1845 this section, the quantity and number of [marijuana] cannabis samples  
1846 taken shall be sufficient to ensure representative sampling of the  
1847 corresponding [marijuana] cannabis batch size.

1848 Sec. 45. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 21a-409 of the general  
1849 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1850 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1851 (b) Hemp or manufacturer hemp products purchased by producers  
1852 from third parties shall be tracked as a separate batch throughout the  
1853 manufacturing process in order to document the disposition of such  
1854 hemp or manufacturer hemp products. Hemp or manufacturer hemp  
1855 products obtained, manufactured, marketed, cultivated or stored by a  
1856 producer shall be deemed [marijuana] cannabis and shall comply with  
1857 the requirements for [marijuana] cannabis contained in the applicable  
1858 provisions of the general statutes and any regulations adopted pursuant  
1859 to such provisions. Producers shall retain a copy of the certificate of  
1860 analysis for purchased hemp or manufacturer hemp products and  
1861 invoice and transport documents that evidence the quantity purchased  
1862 and date received.

1863 (c) (1) No hemp or producer hemp products shall be sold or  
1864 distributed within a dispensary facility that is licensed pursuant to this  
1865 chapter.

1866 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, manufacturer  
1867 hemp products may be sold within a dispensary facility that is licensed  
1868 pursuant to this chapter, provided such manufacturer hemp products  
1869 are:

1870 (A) Stored separately from [marijuana] cannabis;

1871 (B) Separated, by a physical separation, from [marijuana] cannabis in  
1872 any display area;

1873 (C) Displayed with signage approved by the department;

1874 (D) Tested by a laboratory that meets the standards for accreditation  
1875 and testing, and sampling methods, set forth for an independent testing  
1876 laboratory in section 22-61m, as amended by this act, which laboratory  
1877 may be located outside of this state;

1878 (E) Clearly labeled to distinguish the product as (i) a manufacturer  
1879 hemp product, (ii) subject to different testing standards than cannabis,

1880 [or marijuana,] and (iii) not cannabis; [or marijuana;] and

1881 (F) Sold in accordance with this chapter, chapter 424 and any  
1882 regulations adopted pursuant to said chapters.

1883 Sec. 46. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 21a-410 of the general  
1884 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1885 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1886 (a) For purposes of this section:

1887 (1) "Material change" means: (A) The addition of a dispensary facility  
1888 backer or producer backer, (B) a change in the ownership interest of an  
1889 existing dispensary facility backer or producer backer, (C) the merger,  
1890 consolidation or other affiliation of a medical [marijuana] cannabis  
1891 business with another person, (D) the acquisition of all or part of a  
1892 medical [marijuana] cannabis business by another person, and (E) the  
1893 transfer of assets or security interests from a medical [marijuana]  
1894 cannabis business to another person;

1895 (2) ["Medical marijuana business"] "Medical cannabis business"  
1896 means a medical [marijuana] cannabis dispensary facility or production  
1897 facility, licensed pursuant to this chapter and the regulations adopted  
1898 under this chapter;

1899 (3) "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation,  
1900 company, association, trust or other business or tribal entity; and

1901 (4) "Transfer" means to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, option, convey,  
1902 give or otherwise dispose of or transfer control over, including, but not  
1903 limited to, transfer by way of merger or joint venture not in the ordinary  
1904 course of business.

1905 (b) No person shall, directly or indirectly, enter into a transaction that  
1906 results in a material change to a medical [marijuana] cannabis business,  
1907 unless all persons involved in the transaction file a written notification  
1908 with the Attorney General pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and

1909 the waiting period described in subsection (d) of this section has  
1910 expired.

1911 Sec. 47. Section 21a-420 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
1912 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1913 *October 1, 2026*):

1914 As used in RERACA, unless the context otherwise requires:

1915 (1) "Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis  
1916 Act" or "RERACA" means this section, sections 2-56j, 7-294kk, 7-294ll,  
1917 12-330ll to 12-330nn, inclusive, as amended by this act, 14-227p, 21a-  
1918 278b, 21a-278c, 21a-279c, 21a-279d, 21a-408w, as amended by this act,  
1919 21a-420a to 21a-420j, inclusive, 21a-420l to 21a-421u, inclusive, as  
1920 amended by this act, 21a-421aa to 21a-421ff, inclusive, as amended by  
1921 this act, 21a-421aaa to 21a-421iii, inclusive, 21a-422 to 21a-422c,  
1922 inclusive, 21a-422e to 21a-422g, inclusive, as amended by this act, 21a-  
1923 422j to 21a-422s, inclusive, 21a-422u, 22-61n, as amended by this act, 23-  
1924 4b, 47a-9a, 53-247a, as amended by this act, 53a-213a, as amended by  
1925 this act, 53a-213b, as amended by this act, 54-33p, 54-56q, 54-56r, 54-125k  
1926 and 54-142u, sections 23, 60, 63 to 65, inclusive, 124, 144 and 165 of public  
1927 act 21-1, as amended by this act, of the June special session, and the  
1928 amendments in public act 21-1, as amended by this act, of the June  
1929 special session to sections 7-148, as amended by this act, 10-221, 12-30a,  
1930 12-35b, 12-412, as amended by this act, 12-650, as amended by this act,  
1931 12-704d, as amended by this act, 14-44k, 14-111e, 14-227a to 14-227c,  
1932 inclusive, as amended by this act, 14-227j, 15-140q, 15-140r, as amended  
1933 by this act, 18-100h, 19a-342, as amended by this act, 19a-342a, as  
1934 amended by this act, 21a-267, 21a-277, as amended by this act, 21a-279,  
1935 as amended by this act, 21a-279a, as amended by this act, 21a-408 to 21a-  
1936 408f, inclusive, as amended by this act, 21a-408h to 21a-408p, inclusive,  
1937 as amended by this act, 21a-408r to 21a-408v, inclusive, as amended by  
1938 this act, 30-89a, 31-40q, as amended by this act, 32-39, 46b-120, 51-164n,  
1939 53-394, 53a-39c, 54-1m, 54-33g, 54-41b, 54-56e, 54-56g, 54-56i, 54-56k, 54-  
1940 56n, 54-63d, 54-66a and 54-142e, [and] section 22 of public act 25-101 and

1941 sections 48 to 50, inclusive, of this act;

1942 (2) "Backer" means any individual with a direct or indirect financial  
1943 interest in a cannabis establishment. "Backer" does not include (A) a  
1944 bank, bank and trust company, bank holding company, Connecticut  
1945 bank, Connecticut credit union, federal bank, federal branch, federal  
1946 credit union, financial institution, foreign bank, holding company, out-  
1947 of-state bank, out-of-state credit union, out-of-state trust company,  
1948 savings and loan association, savings bank or savings and loan holding  
1949 company, as such terms are defined in section 36a-2, or a wholly-owned  
1950 subsidiary thereof, that provides nonequity financing to a cannabis  
1951 establishment and does not directly participate in the control,  
1952 management or operation of the cannabis establishment, or (B) an  
1953 individual with an investment interest in a cannabis establishment if (i)  
1954 the interest held by such individual and such individual's spouse,  
1955 parent or child, in the aggregate, does not exceed five per cent of the  
1956 total ownership or interest rights in such cannabis establishment, and  
1957 (ii) such individual does not participate directly or indirectly in the  
1958 control, management or operation of the cannabis establishment;

1959 (3) "Cannabis" [means marijuana, as defined] has the same meaning  
1960 as provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

1961 (4) "Cannabis establishment" means a producer, dispensary facility,  
1962 cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage  
1963 manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery  
1964 service or transporter;

1965 (5) "Cannabis flower" means the flower, including abnormal and  
1966 immature flowers, of a plant of the genus cannabis that has been  
1967 harvested, dried, cured, chopped or ground, and prior to any processing  
1968 whereby the flower material is transformed into a cannabis product.  
1969 "Cannabis flower" does not include (A) the leaves or stem of such plant,  
1970 or (B) hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

1971 (6) "Cannabis testing laboratory" means a laboratory that (A) is

1972 located in this state, (B) is licensed by the department to analyze  
1973 cannabis, and (C) meets the licensure requirements established in  
1974 section 21a-408r, as amended by this act, and the regulations adopted  
1975 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as amended by this act;

1976 (7) "Cannabis testing laboratory employee" means an individual who  
1977 is (A) employed at a cannabis testing laboratory, and (B) registered  
1978 pursuant to section 21a-408r, as amended by this act, and the regulations  
1979 adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as amended by  
1980 this act;

1981 (8) "Cannabis trim" means all parts, including abnormal or immature  
1982 parts, of a plant of the genus cannabis, other than cannabis flower, that  
1983 have been harvested, dried and cured, and prior to any processing,  
1984 excluding chopping or grinding, whereby the plant material is  
1985 transformed into a cannabis product. "Cannabis trim" does not include  
1986 hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

1987 (9) "Cannabis product" means cannabis, intended for use or  
1988 consumption, that is in the form of (A) a cannabis concentrate, or (B) a  
1989 product that contains cannabis and at least one other cannabis or  
1990 noncannabis ingredient or component, excluding cannabis flower;

1991 (10) "Cannabis concentrate" means any form of concentration,  
1992 including, but not limited to, extracts, oils, tinctures, shatter and waxes,  
1993 that is extracted from cannabis;

1994 (11) "Cannabis-type substances" [have] has the same meaning as  
1995 ["marijuana"] "cannabis", as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by  
1996 this act;

1997 (12) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
1998 Protection and includes any designee of the commissioner;

1999 (13) "Consumer" means an individual who is twenty-one years of age  
2000 or older;

2001 (14) "Control" means the power to direct, or cause the direction of, the  
2002 management and policies of a cannabis establishment, regardless of  
2003 whether such power is possessed directly or indirectly;

2004 (15) "Cultivation" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
2005 408, as amended by this act;

2006 (16) "Cultivator" means a person that is licensed to engage in the  
2007 cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an  
2008 establishment with not less than fifteen thousand square feet of grow  
2009 space;

2010 (17) "Delivery service" means a person that is licensed to deliver  
2011 cannabis from (A) micro-cultivators, retailers and hybrid retailers to  
2012 consumers and research program subjects, and (B) hybrid retailers and  
2013 dispensary facilities to qualifying patients, caregivers and research  
2014 program subjects, as defined in section 21a-408, as amended by this act,  
2015 or to hospices or other inpatient care facilities licensed by the  
2016 Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that have a  
2017 protocol for the handling and distribution of cannabis that has been  
2018 approved by the department, or a combination thereof;

2019 (18) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

2020 (19) "Dispensary facility" means a place of business where cannabis  
2021 may be dispensed, sold or distributed in accordance with chapter 420f  
2022 and any regulations adopted pursuant to said chapter, to qualifying  
2023 patients, qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers, and to which  
2024 the department has issued a dispensary facility license pursuant to  
2025 chapter 420f and any regulations adopted pursuant to said chapter;

2026 (20) "Disproportionately impacted area" means (A) for the period  
2027 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2023, a United States census  
2028 tract in the state that has, as determined by the Social Equity Council  
2029 under subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, (i) a historical  
2030 conviction rate for drug-related offenses greater than one-tenth, or (ii)

2031 an unemployment rate greater than ten per cent, and (B) on and after  
2032 August 1, 2023, a United States census tract in this state that has been  
2033 identified by the Social Equity Council pursuant to subdivision (2) of  
2034 subsection (i) of section 21a-420d;

2035 (21) "Disqualifying conviction" means a conviction within the last ten  
2036 years which has not been the subject of an absolute pardon under the  
2037 provisions of section 54-130a, or an equivalent pardon process under the  
2038 laws of another state or the federal government, for an offense under (A)  
2039 section 53a-276, 53a-277 or 53a-278, (B) section 53a-291, 53a-292 or 53a-  
2040 293, (C) section 53a-215, (D) section 53a-138 or 53a-139, (E) section 53a-  
2041 142a, (F) sections 53a-147 to 53a-162, inclusive, (G) sections 53a-125c to  
2042 53a-125f, inclusive, (H) section 53a-129b, 53a-129c or 53a-129d, (I)  
2043 subsection (b) of section 12-737, (J) section 53a-48 or 53a-49, if the offense  
2044 which is attempted or is an object of the conspiracy is an offense under  
2045 the statutes listed in subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of this  
2046 subdivision, or (K) the law of any other state or of the federal  
2047 government, if the offense on which such conviction is based is defined  
2048 by elements that substantially include the elements of an offense under  
2049 the statutes listed in subparagraphs (A) to (J), inclusive, of this  
2050 subdivision;

2051 (22) "Dispensary technician" means an individual who has had an  
2052 active pharmacy technician or dispensary technician registration in this  
2053 state within the past five years, is affiliated with a dispensary facility or  
2054 hybrid retailer and is registered with the department in accordance with  
2055 chapter 420f and any regulations adopted pursuant to said chapter;

2056 (23) "Edible cannabis product" means a cannabis product intended  
2057 for humans to eat or drink;

2058 (24) "Employee" means any person who is not a backer, but is a  
2059 member of the board of a company with an ownership interest in a  
2060 cannabis establishment, and any person employed by a cannabis  
2061 establishment or who otherwise has access to such establishment or the

2062 vehicles used to transport cannabis, including, but not limited to, an  
2063 independent contractor who has routine access to the premises of such  
2064 establishment or to the cannabis handled by such establishment;

2065 (25) "Equity" and "equitable" means efforts, regulations, policies,  
2066 programs, standards, processes and any other functions of government  
2067 or principles of law and governance intended to (A) identify and  
2068 remedy past and present patterns of discrimination and disparities of  
2069 race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation, (B) ensure that such  
2070 patterns of discrimination and disparities, whether intentional or  
2071 unintentional, are neither reinforced nor perpetuated, and (C) prevent  
2072 the emergence and persistence of foreseeable future patterns of  
2073 discrimination or disparities of race, ethnicity, gender and sexual  
2074 orientation;

2075 (26) "Equity joint venture" means a business entity that is controlled,  
2076 and at least fifty per cent owned, by an individual or individuals, or such  
2077 applicant is an individual, who meets the criteria of subparagraphs (A)  
2078 and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (53) of this section;

2079 (27) "Extract" means the preparation, compounding, conversion or  
2080 processing of cannabis, either directly or indirectly by extraction or  
2081 independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of  
2082 extraction and chemical synthesis to produce a cannabis concentrate;

2083 (28) "Financial interest" means any right to, ownership, an investment  
2084 or a compensation arrangement with another person, directly, through  
2085 business, investment or family. "Financial interest" does not include  
2086 ownership of investment securities in a publicly-held corporation that  
2087 is traded on a national exchange or over-the-counter market, provided  
2088 the investment securities held by such person and such person's spouse,  
2089 parent or child, in the aggregate, do not exceed one-half of one per cent  
2090 of the total number of shares issued by the corporation;

2091 (29) "Food and beverage manufacturer" means a person that is  
2092 licensed to own and operate a place of business that acquires cannabis

2093 and creates food and beverages;

2094 (30) "Grow space" means the portion of a premises owned and  
2095 controlled by a producer, cultivator or micro-cultivator that is utilized  
2096 for the cultivation, growing or propagation of the cannabis plant, and  
2097 contains cannabis plants in an active stage of growth, measured starting  
2098 from the outermost wall of the room containing cannabis plants and  
2099 continuing around the outside of the room. "Grow space" does not  
2100 include space used to cure, process, store harvested cannabis or  
2101 manufacture cannabis once the cannabis has been harvested;

2102 (31) "Historical conviction count for drug-related offenses" means, for  
2103 a given area, the number of convictions of residents of such area (A) for  
2104 violations of sections 21a-267, 21a-277, as amended by this act, 21a-278,  
2105 21a-279, as amended by this act, and 21a-279a, as amended by this act,  
2106 and (B) who were arrested for such violations between January 1, 1982,  
2107 and December 31, 2020, inclusive, where such arrest was recorded in  
2108 databases maintained by the Department of Emergency Services and  
2109 Public Protection;

2110 (32) "Historical conviction rate for drug-related offenses" means, for  
2111 a given area, the historical conviction count for drug-related offenses  
2112 divided by the population of such area, as determined by the five-year  
2113 estimates of the most recent American Community Survey conducted  
2114 by the United States Census Bureau;

2115 (33) "Hybrid retailer" means a person that is licensed to purchase  
2116 cannabis and sell cannabis and medical [marijuana] cannabis products;

2117 (34) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
2118 21a-425, as amended by this act;

2119 (35) "Key employee" means an employee with the following  
2120 management position or an equivalent title within a cannabis  
2121 establishment: (A) President or chief officer, who is the top ranking  
2122 individual at the cannabis establishment and is responsible for all staff

2123 and overall direction of business operations; (B) financial manager, who  
2124 is the individual who reports to the president or chief officer and who is  
2125 responsible for oversight of the financial operations of the cannabis  
2126 establishment, which financial operations include one or more of the  
2127 following: (i) Revenue and expense management; (ii) distributions; (iii)  
2128 tax compliance; (iv) budget development; and (v) budget management  
2129 and implementation; or (C) compliance manager, who is the individual  
2130 who reports to the president or chief officer and who is generally  
2131 responsible for ensuring the cannabis establishment complies with all  
2132 laws, regulations and requirements related to the operation of the  
2133 cannabis establishment;

2134 (36) "Labor peace agreement" means an agreement between a  
2135 cannabis establishment and a bona fide labor organization under section  
2136 21a-421d, as amended by this act, pursuant to which the owners and  
2137 management of the cannabis establishment agree not to lock out  
2138 employees and that prohibits the bona fide labor organization from  
2139 engaging in picketing, work stoppages or boycotts against the cannabis  
2140 establishment;

2141 (37) "Manufacture" means to add or incorporate cannabis into other  
2142 products or ingredients or create a cannabis product;

2143 (38) ["Medical marijuana product"] "Medical cannabis product"  
2144 means cannabis that may be exclusively sold to qualifying patients,  
2145 qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers by dispensary facilities  
2146 and hybrid retailers and which are designated by the commissioner as  
2147 reserved for sale to qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-state patients  
2148 and caregivers and published on the department's Internet web site;

2149 (39) "Micro-cultivator" means a person licensed to engage in the  
2150 cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an  
2151 establishment containing not less than two thousand square feet and not  
2152 more than ten thousand square feet of grow space, prior to any  
2153 expansion authorized by the commissioner;

2154 (40) "Municipality" means any town, city or borough, consolidated  
2155 town and city or consolidated town and borough;

2156 (41) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in section  
2157 21a-240, as amended by this act;

2158 (42) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability  
2159 company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate,  
2160 receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or any other legal entity and any other  
2161 person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether  
2162 appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination thereof;

2163 (43) "Personal data" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-  
2164 515;

2165 [(43)] (44) "Producer" means a person that is licensed as a producer  
2166 pursuant to section 21a-408i, as amended by this act, and any  
2167 regulations adopted pursuant to said section;

2168 [(44)] (45) "Product manufacturer" means a person that is licensed to  
2169 obtain cannabis, extract and manufacture products;

2170 [(45)] (46) "Product packager" means a person that is licensed to  
2171 package and label cannabis;

2172 [(46)] (47) "Qualifying patient" has the same meaning as provided in  
2173 section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

2174 (48) "Qualifying out-of-state patient" has the same meaning as  
2175 provided in section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

2176 [(47)] (49) "Research program" has the same meaning as provided in  
2177 section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

2178 [(48)] (50) "Retailer" means a person, excluding a dispensary facility  
2179 and hybrid retailer, that is licensed to purchase cannabis from  
2180 producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product manufacturers and

2181 food and beverage manufacturers and to sell cannabis to consumers and  
2182 research programs;

2183 [(49)] (51) "Sale" or "sell" has the same meaning as provided in section  
2184 21a-240, as amended by this act;

2185 [(50)] (52) "Social Equity Council" or "council" means the council  
2186 established under section 21a-420d, as amended by this act;

2187 [(51)] (53) "Social equity applicant" means a person that has applied  
2188 for a license for a cannabis establishment, where such applicant is  
2189 controlled, and at least sixty-five per cent owned, by an individual or  
2190 individuals, or such applicant is an individual, who:

2191 (A) Had an average household income of less than three hundred per  
2192 cent of the state median household income over the three tax years  
2193 immediately preceding such individual's application; and

2194 (B) (i) Was a resident of a disproportionately impacted area for not  
2195 less than five of the ten years immediately preceding the date of such  
2196 application; or

2197 (ii) Was a resident of a disproportionately impacted area for not less  
2198 than nine years prior to attaining the age of eighteen;

2199 [(52)] (54) "THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
2200 240, as amended by this act;

2201 [(53)] (55) "Third-party lottery operator" means a person, or a  
2202 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, that conducts  
2203 lotteries pursuant to section 21a-420g, identifies the cannabis  
2204 establishment license applications for consideration without  
2205 performing any review of the applications that are identified for  
2206 consideration, and that has no direct or indirect oversight of or  
2207 investment in a cannabis establishment or a cannabis establishment  
2208 applicant;

2209 [(54)] (56) "Transfer" means to transfer, change, give or otherwise  
2210 dispose of control over or interest in;

2211 [(55)] (57) "Transport" means to physically move from one place to  
2212 another;

2213 [(56)] (58) "Transporter" means a person licensed to transport  
2214 cannabis between cannabis establishments, cannabis testing  
2215 laboratories and research programs; and

2216 [(57)] (59) "Unemployment rate" means, in a given area, the number  
2217 of people sixteen years of age or older who are in the civilian labor force  
2218 and unemployed divided by the number of people sixteen years of age  
2219 or older who are in the civilian labor force.

2220 Sec. 48. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) There is established a  
2221 cannabis regulatory working group to (1) study regulations adopted or  
2222 proposed, and policies and procedures issued or proposed, by the  
2223 Commissioner of Consumer Protection and the Social Equity Council  
2224 concerning cannabis, (2) recommend the adoption or amendment of  
2225 regulations concerning cannabis, (3) recommend the issuance or  
2226 amendment of policies and procedures concerning cannabis, and (4)  
2227 propose legislation concerning cannabis.

2228 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

2229 (1) One appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing  
2230 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
2231 relating to consumer protection;

2232 (2) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing  
2233 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
2234 relating to consumer protection;

2235 (3) One appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing  
2236 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
2237 relating to consumer protection; and

2238 (4) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing  
2239 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
2240 relating to consumer protection.

2241 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subsection  
2242 (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

2243 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not  
2244 later October 31, 2026. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing  
2245 authority.

2246 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
2247 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection  
2248 shall select the chairpersons of the working group from among the  
2249 members of the working group. Such chairpersons shall schedule the  
2250 first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than  
2251 December 1, 2026.

2252 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
2253 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer  
2254 protection shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

2255 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, and periodically thereafter as the  
2256 working group deems appropriate, the working group shall submit a  
2257 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
2258 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
2259 relating to consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of  
2260 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

2261 Sec. 49. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) No retailer, hybrid retailer  
2262 or dispensary facility shall borrow money or receive credit, directly or  
2263 indirectly, in any form for a period in excess of thirty days from any  
2264 cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer.

2265 (b) Any cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer that does not receive  
2266 payment in full from any retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility

2267 prior to expiration of the thirty-day period beginning on the date on  
2268 which such cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer extended credit,  
2269 directly or indirectly, to such retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary  
2270 facility shall submit a written notice of obligation to the Department of  
2271 Consumer Protection in a form and manner prescribed by the  
2272 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, and give a copy of such written  
2273 notice of obligation to such retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility,  
2274 not later than five days following expiration of such thirty-day credit  
2275 period. Such written notice of obligation shall, at a minimum, state (1)  
2276 the amount due, (2) the date credit was extended, (3) the expiration date  
2277 of the thirty-day credit period, and (4) that the retailer, hybrid retailer  
2278 or dispensary facility is in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

2279 (c) Not later than five days after a retailer, hybrid retailer or  
2280 dispensary facility receives a written notice of obligation given under  
2281 subsection (b) of this section, the retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary  
2282 facility shall, if such retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility  
2283 disputes the accuracy of such written notice of obligation, submit a  
2284 written response to such written notice of obligation to the Department  
2285 of Consumer Protection in a form and manner prescribed by the  
2286 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, and give a copy of such written  
2287 response to the cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer that gave such  
2288 written notice of obligation to such retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary  
2289 facility under subsection (b) of this section. Such written response shall,  
2290 at a minimum, state (1) such retailer's, hybrid retailer's or dispensary  
2291 facility's basis for disputing such written notice of obligation, and (2) the  
2292 amount, if any, such retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility  
2293 admits is owed for longer than thirty days. The copy of such written  
2294 response given to the cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer shall be  
2295 accompanied by a payment in the amount, if any, such retailer, hybrid  
2296 retailer or dispensary facility admits is owed for longer than thirty days.  
2297 Such payment shall be made and received without prejudice to the  
2298 rights of either party in any civil action.

2299 (d) (1) Not later than thirty days after the Department of Consumer

2300 Protection receives a written response submitted under subsection (c) of  
2301 this section, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the  
2302 commissioner's designee, shall conduct an informal hearing with the  
2303 parties being given equal opportunity to appear and be heard. If after  
2304 such hearing, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee  
2305 determines that the written notice of obligation given under subsection  
2306 (b) of this section is accurate, the commissioner or such designee shall  
2307 forthwith issue an order directing the cultivator, micro-cultivator or  
2308 producer to promptly give all cultivators, micro-cultivators and  
2309 producers a written notice of delinquency, which notice shall be issued  
2310 in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner and, at a  
2311 minimum, state (A) the identity of the delinquent retailer, hybrid  
2312 retailer or dispensary facility, (B) the amount due, and (C) the expiration  
2313 date of the thirty-day credit period described in subsection (b) of this  
2314 section.

2315 (2) If the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, determines  
2316 that a written notice of obligation given under subsection (b) of this  
2317 section is inaccurate, the commissioner or such designee shall forthwith  
2318 issue an order prohibiting the cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer  
2319 from giving a written notice of delinquency under subdivision (1) of this  
2320 subsection.

2321 (3) The party for whom the determination by the commissioner, or  
2322 the commissioner's designee, under this subsection is adverse shall  
2323 promptly pay to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by  
2324 the commissioner, payment for a portion of the cost of the proceedings  
2325 that resulted in such determination, which payment shall be in an  
2326 amount determined by the commissioner or such designee, provided  
2327 such amount shall not be less than fifty dollars.

2328 (4) If the department does not receive a written response under  
2329 subsection (c) of this section during the five-day period set forth in said  
2330 subsection, the retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility that failed  
2331 to timely submit such written response to the department shall be

2332 deemed to have admitted the truth of the written notice of obligation.  
2333 Not later than three days after expiration of such five-day period, the  
2334 cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer that submitted such written  
2335 notice of obligation shall give all cultivators, micro-cultivators and  
2336 producers a written notice of delinquency in the manner set forth in  
2337 subdivision (1) of this subsection. A written notice of delinquency given  
2338 under this subdivision shall have the same effect as a written notice of  
2339 delinquency given pursuant to an order issued by the commissioner, or  
2340 the commissioner's designee, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
2341 subsection.

2342 (e) No cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer that receives a written  
2343 notice of delinquency given under subdivision (1) or (4) of subsection  
2344 (d) of this section shall extend credit by the sale of cannabis or otherwise  
2345 to the delinquent retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility until after  
2346 the cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer has received a written notice  
2347 of satisfaction under subsection (g) of this section from the cultivator,  
2348 micro-cultivator or producer that gave such written notice of  
2349 delinquency.

2350 (f) The Department of Consumer Protection may suspend or revoke  
2351 the license of (1) any cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer that (A) in  
2352 bad faith, gives an incorrect written notice of obligation under  
2353 subsection (b) of this section, or (B) gives an unauthorized written notice  
2354 of delinquency under subdivision (1) or (4) of subsection (d) of this  
2355 section, or (2) any retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility that, in  
2356 bad faith, gives an incorrect written response under subsection (c) of this  
2357 section.

2358 (g) Any cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer that gives a written  
2359 notice of delinquency under subdivision (1) or (4) of subsection (d) of  
2360 this section and subsequently receives full payment for the credit  
2361 extended shall, not later than three days after receiving such full  
2362 payment, submit to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a form  
2363 and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,

2364 a written notice of satisfaction, and give a copy of such written notice of  
2365 satisfaction to all cultivators, micro-cultivators and producers to which  
2366 such cultivator, micro-cultivator or producer gave a written notice of  
2367 delinquency under subdivision (1) or (4) of subsection (d) of this section.  
2368 The prohibition against extending credit to the retailer, hybrid retailer  
2369 or dispensary facility that was the subject of such written notice of  
2370 delinquency shall be void upon such cultivator's, micro-cultivator's or  
2371 producer's receipt of full payment as set forth in this subsection.

2372       Sec. 50. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of  
2373 Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
2374 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to:

2375       (1) Establish additional licenses and license endorsements to allow  
2376 for additional sales of cannabis and cannabis products, and authorize  
2377 the consumption of cannabis and cannabis products at additional  
2378 locations, which licenses and endorsements shall include, but need not  
2379 be limited to:

2380       (A) An endorsement to a retailer or hybrid retailer license that allows  
2381 for the consumption of cannabis and cannabis products in plain view  
2382 either within the licensee's premises or outdoors at a location abutting  
2383 such premises;

2384       (B) A hospitality license for a business other than a cannabis  
2385 establishment that enables the business to partner with a retailer or  
2386 hybrid retailer to facilitate the sale of cannabis and cannabis products  
2387 supplied by the retailer or hybrid retailer for consumption within an  
2388 enclosed indoor space or an outdoor space that is not part of the retailer  
2389 or hybrid retailer establishment; and

2390       (C) A temporary event endorsement or license that enables a cannabis  
2391 establishment or any other business to host an event during which  
2392 cannabis and cannabis products may be sold and consumed in plain  
2393 view, provided the municipality in which the event is scheduled to  
2394 occur has granted approval to the issuance of such endorsement or

2395 license; and

2396 (2) Allowing sales of additional palliative use cannabis products,  
2397 including, but not limited to, cannabis topicals, tablets, capsules,  
2398 products intended for sublingual absorption and ethanol-free tinctures,  
2399 to consumers at retailer and hybrid retailer establishments.

2400 Sec. 51. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420c of the 2026 supplement to  
2401 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2402 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2403 (b) Except as provided in RERACA and chapter 420b or 420f, (1) no  
2404 person, other than a retailer, hybrid retailer, micro-cultivator or delivery  
2405 service, or an employee thereof in the course of such employee's  
2406 employment, may sell or offer any cannabis or cannabis product to a  
2407 consumer, [and] (2) no person, other than a hybrid retailer, dispensary  
2408 facility or a delivery service, or an employee thereof in the course of such  
2409 employee's employment, may sell or offer any cannabis or cannabis  
2410 product to a qualifying patient or caregiver, and (3) no person, other  
2411 than a hybrid retailer or dispensary facility, or an employee thereof in  
2412 the course of such employee's employment, may sell or offer any  
2413 cannabis or cannabis product to a qualifying out-of-state patient.

2414 Sec. 52. Subsection (k) of section 21a-420d of the 2026 supplement to  
2415 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2416 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2417 (k) The Social Equity Council shall develop criteria for evaluating the  
2418 ownership and control of any equity joint venture created under section  
2419 21a-420j, 21a-420m, as amended by this act, 21a-420u, as amended by  
2420 this act, 21a-420aa, as amended by this act, [21a-420bbb] 21a-420bb, as  
2421 amended by this act, or [21a-420ccc] 21a-420cc and shall review and  
2422 approve or deny in writing such equity joint venture prior to such equity  
2423 joint venture being licensed under section 21a-420j, 21a-420m, as  
2424 amended by this act, 21a-420u, as amended by this act, 21a-420aa, as  
2425 amended by this act, [21a-420bbb] 21a-420bb, as amended by this act, or

2426 [21a-420ccc] 21a-420cc. The council shall not approve any equity joint  
2427 venture applicant which shares with an equity joint venture any  
2428 individual owner who meets the criteria established in subparagraphs  
2429 (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (53) of section 21a-420, as amended by  
2430 this act, other than an individual owner in their capacity as a backer  
2431 licensed under section 21a-420o.

2432 Sec. 53. Section 21a-420h of the 2026 supplement to the general  
2433 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
2434 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2435 (a) During the period of provisional licensure and for three years  
2436 following the issuance of a final license, no cannabis establishment  
2437 license issued to a social equity applicant who the Social Equity Council  
2438 has determined meets the criteria of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
2439 subdivision (53) of section 21a-420, as amended by this act, shall be sold,  
2440 and no change shall be made in the ownership or control of such license,  
2441 unless:

2442 (1) The council has approved such sale or change in the manner set  
2443 forth in subsection (b) of this section; and

2444 (2) (A) Such sale or change is made to another social equity applicant  
2445 who the council has determined meets the criteria of subparagraphs (A)  
2446 and (B) of subdivision (53) of section 21a-420, as amended by this act, or  
2447 (B) the backer of the cannabis establishment has died or has been  
2448 diagnosed with a condition, including, but not limited to, a physical  
2449 illness or loss of skill or deterioration due to the aging process,  
2450 emotional disorder or mental illness, that would interfere with the  
2451 backer's ability to operate.

2452 (b) (1) Prior to any sale or change in ownership or control authorized  
2453 under subsection (a) of this section, the social equity applicant who the  
2454 council has determined meets the criteria of subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
2455 of subdivision (53) of section 21a-420, as amended by this act, and who  
2456 is, or the cannabis establishment that is, seeking to sell the cannabis

2457 establishment license, or make a change in the ownership or control of  
2458 such license, shall submit to the Social Equity Council, in a form and  
2459 manner prescribed by the council:

2460 (A) An application to make such sale or change; and

2461 (B) All documents the council, in the council's discretion, deems  
2462 necessary to determine whether such sale or change is authorized under  
2463 subsection (a) of this section, including, but not limited to, all operating  
2464 agreements and transfer, sale or conveyance documents the council  
2465 deems necessary for such purpose.

2466 (2) Not later than ninety days after the council receives the  
2467 application and documents required under subdivision (1) of this  
2468 subsection, the council shall complete its review of such application and  
2469 documents and, on the basis of such review and in a form and manner  
2470 prescribed by the council, issue a decision approving or denying such  
2471 application and send notice of such decision to the social equity  
2472 applicant or cannabis establishment.

2473 (3) If the council approves any sale or change in ownership or control  
2474 authorized under subsection (a) of this section, and such sale or change  
2475 in ownership or control is made to anyone other than another social  
2476 equity applicant who the council has determined meets the criteria of  
2477 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (53) of section 21a-420, as  
2478 amended by this act, the cannabis establishment shall be treated as a  
2479 cannabis establishment without social equity status beginning on the  
2480 date of such approval and such cannabis establishment shall no longer  
2481 be eligible to pay a reduced license renewal fee.

2482 (c) Following expiration of the three-year period following issuance  
2483 of a final license to a social equity applicant who the Social Equity  
2484 Council has determined meets the criteria of subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
2485 of subdivision (53) of section 21a-420, as amended by this act, such  
2486 license shall not be sold, and no change shall be made in the ownership  
2487 or control of such license, unless the cannabis establishment notifies the

2488 council, in a form and manner prescribed by the council, at least ninety  
2489 days before such sale or change. The council may send notice to the  
2490 cannabis establishment requiring that such cannabis establishment  
2491 disclose to the council, in a form and manner prescribed by the council,  
2492 any documents the council requires in order to ensure that such  
2493 cannabis establishment and such proposed sale or change complies with  
2494 the provisions of RERACA and any regulations adopted pursuant  
2495 thereto. The cannabis establishment shall disclose such documents to  
2496 the council not later than three days after the council sends such notice  
2497 to the cannabis establishment.

2498 (d) The Social Equity Council shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
2499 with the provisions of chapter 54, to [prevent the sale or change in  
2500 ownership or control of a cannabis establishment license awarded to a  
2501 social equity applicant to someone other than another qualifying social  
2502 equity applicant during the period of provisional licensure, and for  
2503 three years following the issuance of a final license, unless the backer of  
2504 such licensee has died or has a condition, including, but not limited to,  
2505 a physical illness or loss of skill or deterioration due to the aging process,  
2506 emotional disorder or mental illness that would interfere with the  
2507 backer's ability to operate. If the council approves any sale or change in  
2508 ownership or control of a cannabis establishment license awarded to a  
2509 social equity applicant during the three-year period following issuance  
2510 of a final license, and such sale or change in ownership or control is  
2511 made to anyone other than another qualifying social equity applicant,  
2512 the cannabis establishment licensee shall be treated as a cannabis  
2513 establishment licensee without social equity status beginning on the  
2514 date of such approval and such cannabis licensee shall no longer be  
2515 eligible to pay a reduced license renewal fee] implement the provisions  
2516 of this section. Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-  
2517 172, inclusive, in order to effectuate this section, prior to adopting such  
2518 regulations and not later than October 1, 2021, the council shall issue  
2519 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section that  
2520 shall have the force and effect of law. The council shall post all policies

2521 and procedures on its Internet web site and submit such policies and  
2522 procedures to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
2523 having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and the  
2524 Secretary of the State for posting on the eRegulations System, at least  
2525 fifteen days prior to the effective date of any policy or procedure. Any  
2526 such policy or procedure shall no longer be effective upon the earlier of  
2527 either the adoption of the policy or procedure as a final regulation under  
2528 section 4-172 or sixty-three months from July 1, 2021. Any violation of  
2529 such policies and procedures or any violation of such regulations related  
2530 to the sale or change in ownership may be referred by the Social Equity  
2531 Council to the department for administrative enforcement action, which  
2532 may result in a fine of not more than ten million dollars or action against  
2533 the establishment's license.

2534 Sec. 54. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420l of the general statutes is  
2535 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2536 *1, 2026*):

2537 (b) To obtain approval from the commissioner to engage in expanded  
2538 activity as described in subsection (a) of this section, a producer shall  
2539 submit (1) a complete license expansion application on a form  
2540 prescribed by the commissioner, (2) a medical cannabis preservation  
2541 plan, to ensure against supply shortages of medical [marijuana]  
2542 cannabis products, which shall be approved or denied at the  
2543 commissioner's discretion, (3) payment of a conversion fee of three  
2544 million dollars, provided, if the producer participates in at least two  
2545 approved equity joint ventures as described in section 21a-420m, as  
2546 amended by this act, such fee shall be one million five hundred  
2547 thousand dollars, (4) a workforce development plan in accordance with  
2548 requirements developed by the Social Equity Council, that has been  
2549 reviewed and approved by the Social Equity Council in accordance with  
2550 section 21a-420d, as amended by this act, and (5) (A) a contribution of  
2551 five hundred thousand dollars to the Social Equity Council for the  
2552 program established by the council in accordance with subsection (l) of  
2553 section 21a-420d, or (B) evidence of an agreement with a social equity

2554 partner pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

2555 Sec. 55. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420m of the 2026 supplement to  
2556 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2557 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2558 (b) The equity joint venture shall be in any cannabis establishment  
2559 licensed business, other than a cultivator license, provided such equity  
2560 joint venture is at least fifty per cent owned and controlled by an  
2561 individual or individuals who meet, or the equity joint venture  
2562 applicant is an individual who meets, the criteria established in  
2563 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (53) of section 21a-420,  
2564 as amended by this act.

2565 Sec. 56. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420n of the 2026 supplement to  
2566 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2567 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2568 (d) A cultivator may sell, transfer or transport its cannabis to a  
2569 cannabis establishment, research program or cannabis testing  
2570 laboratory utilizing its own employees or a transporter. A cultivator  
2571 shall not sell, transfer or deliver to consumers, qualifying patients,  
2572 qualifying out-of-state patients or caregivers, directly or through a  
2573 delivery service.

2574 Sec. 57. Subsections (f) and (g) of section 21a-420p of the 2026  
2575 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
2576 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2577 (f) (1) A micro-cultivator may sell cannabis seedlings cultivated at its  
2578 micro-cultivator establishment directly to consumers, excluding  
2579 qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers,  
2580 solely through delivery by either utilizing a delivery service or its own  
2581 employees, subject to the requirements of subsection (c) of section 21a-  
2582 420c. No cannabis establishment other than a micro-cultivator shall sell  
2583 cannabis seedlings to consumers, and no cannabis establishment other

2584 than a delivery service or a micro-cultivator utilizing its own employees  
2585 shall deliver cannabis seedlings cultivated and sold by a micro-  
2586 cultivator to consumers.

2587 (2) No micro-cultivator shall sell a cannabis seedling to a consumer  
2588 unless:

2589 (A) The micro-cultivator cultivated the cannabis seedling in this state  
2590 from seed or clone;

2591 (B) The cannabis seedling (i) has a standing height of not more than  
2592 six inches measured from the base of the stem to the tallest point of the  
2593 plant, (ii) does not contain any bud or flower, and (iii) has been tested  
2594 for pesticides and heavy metals in accordance with the laboratory  
2595 testing standards established in the policies and procedures issued, and  
2596 final regulations adopted, by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-  
2597 421j, as amended by this act; and

2598 (C) A label or informational tag is affixed to the cannabis seedling  
2599 disclosing the following in legible English, black lettering, Times New  
2600 Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background and in  
2601 uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a capital  
2602 letter "K":

2603 (i) The name of the micro-cultivator;

2604 (ii) A product description for the cannabis seedling;

2605 (iii) One of the following chemotypes anticipated after flowering: (I)  
2606 "High THC, Low CBD"; (II) "Low THC, High CBD"; or (III) "50/50 THC  
2607 and CBD";

2608 (iv) The results of the testing required under subparagraph (B)(iii) of  
2609 this subdivision;

2610 (v) Directions for optimal care of the cannabis seedling;

2611 (vi) Unobscured symbols, in a size of not less than one-half inch by  
2612 one-half inch and in a format approved by the commissioner, which  
2613 symbols shall indicate that the cannabis seedling contains THC and is  
2614 not legal or safe for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age;  
2615 and

2616 (vii) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking  
2617 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under  
2618 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by  
2619 the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this act.

2620 (3) Notwithstanding section 21a-421j, as amended by this act, no  
2621 cannabis seedling shall be required to be sold in child-resistant  
2622 packaging.

2623 (4) No micro-cultivator shall knowingly sell more than three cannabis  
2624 seedlings to a consumer in any six-month period.

2625 (5) No micro-cultivator shall accept any returned cannabis seedling.

2626 (g) (1) A micro-cultivator that has obtained a final license from the  
2627 department pursuant to this section and maintains an exclusively  
2628 indoor grow facility may submit an application to the department, in a  
2629 form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, for a retailer or  
2630 hybrid retailer endorsement to such final license under this subsection.  
2631 Such endorsement, if issued, shall authorize the micro-cultivator to  
2632 operate a retailer or hybrid retailer pursuant to this subsection. An  
2633 applicant micro-cultivator shall submit a complete application for an  
2634 endorsement under this subsection, along with the endorsement  
2635 application fee, to the department not later than one year after the date  
2636 on which the applicant micro-cultivator obtained a final micro-  
2637 cultivator license from the department pursuant to this section or June  
2638 30, 2026, whichever is later. The department shall not accept an  
2639 application submitted pursuant to this subsection after such time period  
2640 has expired. The amount of the application fee for an endorsement  
2641 under this subsection shall be the same as the fee imposed to receive a

2642 final retailer license or a final hybrid retailer license set forth in  
2643 subsections (c) and (d) of section 21a-420e. All application fees for an  
2644 initial endorsement under this subsection shall be deposited in the  
2645 consumer protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a.  
2646 The annual renewal fee for an endorsement issued under this subsection  
2647 shall be the same as the renewal fee for a final retailer license or a final  
2648 hybrid retailer license set forth in subsections (c) and (d) of section 21a-  
2649 420e.

2650 (2) The department shall issue an endorsement to a micro-cultivator  
2651 pursuant to this subsection if the micro-cultivator:

2652 (A) Submits a timely and complete endorsement application to the  
2653 department, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner;

2654 (B) Attests that the retailer or hybrid retailer created pursuant to the  
2655 endorsement shall be operated in compliance with all requirements  
2656 established in this chapter for a licensed retailer or a licensed hybrid  
2657 retailer; and

2658 (C) Acknowledges and attests that such micro-cultivator shall not  
2659 engage in any outdoor cultivation of cannabis.

2660 (3) Each micro-cultivator that is issued an endorsement under this  
2661 subsection shall have twenty-four months from the date such  
2662 endorsement is issued to (A) satisfy the requirements established in  
2663 section 21a-420g for a retailer or hybrid retailer that has been issued a  
2664 final license, and (B) seek and obtain a written statement from the  
2665 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner,  
2666 confirming that such micro-cultivator satisfies such requirements and is  
2667 authorized to engage in the activities of a retailer or hybrid retailer.

2668 (4) An endorsement issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire  
2669 and shall not be eligible for reapplication or renewal if the micro-  
2670 cultivator (A) fails to satisfy the requirements established in subdivision  
2671 (3) of this subsection, or (B) allows such endorsement to lapse.

2672 (5) The facility of a retailer or hybrid retailer established pursuant to  
2673 an endorsement issued pursuant to this subsection shall be located (A)  
2674 on the same premises as the micro-cultivator, or (B) on a tract of land or  
2675 parcel that abuts such premises or is located within one hundred feet of  
2676 such premises measured from the point on such tract of land or parcel  
2677 that is closest to such premises.

2678 (6) Upon receipt of a written statement from the department as set  
2679 forth in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of this subsection, the  
2680 micro-cultivator shall:

2681 (A) (i) In the case of a retailer endorsement, be authorized to sell  
2682 cannabis cultivated indoors by the micro-cultivator to consumers, or (ii)  
2683 in the case of a hybrid retailer endorsement, be authorized to sell (I)  
2684 cannabis cultivated indoors by the micro-cultivator to consumers, and  
2685 (II) medical [marijuana] cannabis products to qualifying patients,  
2686 qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers;

2687 (B) Acknowledge and agree that such micro-cultivator is not eligible  
2688 to expand to a cultivator license, as provided in this section;

2689 (C) Maintain the retailer's or hybrid-retailer's activities and facility in  
2690 accordance with the requirements established in this chapter, chapter  
2691 420f and the regulations, policies and procedures adopted or issued  
2692 pursuant to said chapters, as applicable; and

2693 (D) Acknowledge and agree that in the event that an administrative  
2694 agency or court of competent jurisdiction issues a suspension,  
2695 revocation, cease and desist order or other order halting the micro-  
2696 cultivator's operations, the micro-cultivator shall cease all public retailer  
2697 or hybrid-retailer activities associated with the retailer or hybrid retailer  
2698 endorsement issued pursuant to this subsection.

2699 (7) A micro-cultivator that is issued an endorsement under this  
2700 subsection may (A) in the case of a retailer endorsement, sell cannabis  
2701 cultivated by the micro-cultivator directly to consumers by utilizing a

2702 delivery service or its own employees, subject to the provisions of  
2703 subsection (c) of section 21a-420c, provided such micro-cultivator shall  
2704 exclusively sell cannabis cultivated by such micro-cultivator, and (B) in  
2705 the case of a hybrid retailer endorsement, (i) sell medical [marijuana]  
2706 cannabis products directly to qualifying patients and caregivers by  
2707 utilizing a delivery service or its own employees, subject to the  
2708 provisions of subsection (c) of section 21a-420c, (ii) sell medical cannabis  
2709 products directly to qualifying out-of-state patients by utilizing its own  
2710 employees, and (iii) sell cannabis cultivated by such micro-cultivator  
2711 directly to consumers, by utilizing a delivery service or its own  
2712 employees, subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 21a-  
2713 420c.

2714 (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a micro-cultivator  
2715 with an active endorsement issued under this subsection shall not  
2716 exceed twenty-five thousand square feet of grow space and shall not be  
2717 eligible to convert to a cultivator unless the micro-cultivator  
2718 permanently surrenders such endorsement and ceases all retailer and  
2719 hybrid retailer activities at the cannabis establishment.

2720 (9) An endorsement issued under this subsection shall not impact any  
2721 right a micro-cultivator may have to create an equity joint venture.

2722 Sec. 58. Section 21a-420q of the 2026 supplement to the general  
2723 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
2724 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2725 The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
2726 provisions of chapter 54, to establish the maximum grow space  
2727 permitted by a cultivator and micro-cultivator. In adopting such  
2728 regulations, the commissioner shall seek to ensure an adequate supply  
2729 of cannabis for the market. Notwithstanding the requirements of  
2730 sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to effectuate this section, prior  
2731 to adopting such regulations, the commissioner shall issue policies and  
2732 procedures to implement the provisions of this section that shall have

2733 the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all policies and  
2734 procedures on the department's Internet web site and submit such  
2735 policies and procedures to the joint standing committee of the General  
2736 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection  
2737 and the Secretary of the State for posting on the eRegulations System, at  
2738 least fifteen days prior to the effective date of any policy or procedure.  
2739 Any such policy or procedure shall no longer be effective upon the  
2740 earlier of either the adoption of the policy or procedure as a final  
2741 regulation under section 4-172 or sixty-three months from July 1, 2021.

2742 Sec. 59. Section 21a-420r of the 2026 supplement to the general  
2743 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
2744 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2745 (a) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may issue or renew a  
2746 license for a person to be a retailer. No person may act as a retailer or  
2747 represent that such person is a retailer unless such person has obtained  
2748 a license from the department pursuant to this section.

2749 (b) A retailer may obtain cannabis from a cultivator, micro-cultivator,  
2750 producer, product packager, food and beverage manufacturer, product  
2751 manufacturer or transporter or an undeliverable return from a delivery  
2752 service. A retailer may sell, transport or transfer cannabis or cannabis  
2753 products to a cannabis establishment, cannabis testing laboratory or  
2754 research program. A retailer may sell cannabis to a consumer or research  
2755 program. A retailer may not conduct sales of medical [marijuana]  
2756 cannabis products nor offer discounts or other inducements to  
2757 qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-state patients or caregivers. A  
2758 retailer shall not gift or transfer cannabis at no cost to a consumer as part  
2759 of a commercial transaction.

2760 (c) Retailers shall maintain a secure location, in a manner approved  
2761 by the commissioner, at the licensee's premises where cannabis that is  
2762 unable to be delivered by an employee or delivery service may be  
2763 returned to the retailer. Such secure cannabis return location shall meet

2764 specifications set forth by the commissioner and published on the  
2765 department's Internet web site or included in regulations adopted by  
2766 the department.

2767 (d) A retailer may deliver cannabis through a delivery service or by  
2768 utilizing its own employees, subject to the provisions of subsection (c)  
2769 of section 21a-420c.

2770 (e) Manufacturer hemp products, as defined in section 22-61l, as  
2771 amended by this act, may be sold within a retailer facility, provided such  
2772 manufacturer hemp products are:

2773 (1) Stored separately from cannabis and cannabis products;

2774 (2) Separated, by a physical separation, from cannabis and cannabis  
2775 products in any display area;

2776 (3) Displayed with signage approved by the department;

2777 (4) Tested by a laboratory that meets the standards for accreditation  
2778 and testing, and sampling methods, set forth for an independent testing  
2779 laboratory in section 22-61m, as amended by this act, which laboratory  
2780 may be located outside of this state;

2781 (5) Clearly labeled to distinguish the product as (A) a manufacturer  
2782 hemp product, (B) subject to different testing standards than cannabis,  
2783 and (C) not cannabis or a cannabis product; and

2784 (6) Sold in accordance with this chapter, chapter 424 and any  
2785 regulations adopted pursuant to said chapters.

2786 (f) No retailer shall retain any personal data the retailer obtains from  
2787 a consumer for the purposes of age verification for longer than twenty-  
2788 four hours.

2789 Sec. 60. Section 21a-420s of the 2026 supplement to the general  
2790 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

2791 (Effective October 1, 2026):

2792 (a) The department may issue or renew a license for a hybrid retailer.  
2793 No person may act as a hybrid retailer or represent that such person is  
2794 a hybrid retailer unless such person has obtained a license from the  
2795 department pursuant to this section.

2796 (b) A hybrid retailer may obtain cannabis from a cultivator, micro-  
2797 cultivator, producer, product packager, food and beverage  
2798 manufacturer, product manufacturer or transporter. In addition to the  
2799 activities authorized under section 21a-420t, as amended by this act, a  
2800 hybrid retailer may sell, transport or transfer cannabis to a cannabis  
2801 establishment, cannabis testing laboratory or research program. A  
2802 hybrid retailer may sell cannabis products to a consumer or research  
2803 program. A hybrid retailer shall not gift or transfer cannabis at no cost  
2804 to a consumer, qualifying patient, qualifying out-of-state patient or  
2805 caregiver as part of a commercial transaction.

2806 (c) In addition to conducting general retail sales, a hybrid retailer may  
2807 sell cannabis and medical [marijuana] cannabis products to qualifying  
2808 patients, qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers. Any cannabis  
2809 or medical [marijuana] cannabis products sold to qualifying patients,  
2810 qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers shall be dispensed by a  
2811 licensed pharmacist and shall be recorded in the electronic prescription  
2812 drug monitoring program, established pursuant to section 21a-254, in  
2813 real-time or immediately upon completion of the transaction, unless not  
2814 reasonably feasible for a specific transaction, but in no case longer than  
2815 one hour after completion of the transaction. Only a licensed pharmacist  
2816 or dispensary technician may upload or access data in the prescription  
2817 drug monitoring program.

2818 (d) (1) [A hybrid retailer shall maintain a licensed pharmacist on  
2819 premises for at least eight consecutive hours per calendar week when  
2820 the hybrid retail location is open to the public or to qualifying patients  
2821 and caregivers.] At all times while a hybrid retailer location is open to

2822 the public and a licensed pharmacist is not physically present on  
2823 premises, [and available for qualifying patient and caregiver  
2824 consultations,] the hybrid retailer shall ensure that a licensed  
2825 pharmacist is readily available to [(A) provide telehealth consultations  
2826 for qualifying patients and caregivers, and (B)] conduct remote order  
2827 entry verification in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
2828 commissioner pursuant to section 20-576, which remote order entry  
2829 verification shall only be conducted by a licensed pharmacist in  
2830 compliance with all remote order entry verification requirements  
2831 established in regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to  
2832 section 20-576.

2833 (2) A hybrid retailer that offers telehealth consultations with a  
2834 licensed pharmacist shall (A) [employ such pharmacist for at least  
2835 twenty hours per calendar week, (B)] maintain technology that is  
2836 capable of facilitating such consultations, and [(C)] (B) make such  
2837 consultations readily available and accessible to qualifying patients,  
2838 qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers, including, but not  
2839 limited to, by telephone from a remote location outside of the hybrid  
2840 retailer location. [and from the private consultation space required  
2841 under subsection (e) of this section.]

2842 (3) Each hybrid retailer that offers consultations with a licensed  
2843 pharmacist either in-person or through telehealth shall conspicuously  
2844 post and maintain a sign at the main entrance of the hybrid retailer  
2845 location, which sign shall (A) be at least twelve inches in height and  
2846 eighteen inches in width, (B) incorporate lettering in a size and style that  
2847 is clear and legible, and (C) state the name of the licensed pharmacist  
2848 who is available for qualifying patient, qualifying out-of-state patient  
2849 and caregiver consultations either in-person or through telehealth.

2850 (4) Each hybrid retailer that offers consultations with a licensed  
2851 pharmacist either in-person or through telehealth shall conspicuously  
2852 post and maintain a sign at each register or comparable point of sale  
2853 within the hybrid retailer location, and on any Internet web site

2854 maintained by such hybrid retailer, which sign shall (A) be at least eight  
2855 inches in height and ten inches in width, (B) incorporate lettering in a  
2856 size and style that is clear and legible, and (C) state "Pharmacist  
2857 available for consultation" in a clear and legible manner.

2858 [(5) Each licensed pharmacist who consults with qualifying patients  
2859 or caregivers shall annually complete not less than five contact hours of  
2860 continuing professional education, as set forth in section 20-600, related  
2861 to the cannabis industry, the pharmacy laws of this state or the  
2862 treatment of debilitating medical conditions, as defined in section 21a-  
2863 408. Such contact hours shall be included in, and not be in addition to,  
2864 the fifteen contact hours required under section 20-600.]

2865 (5) Nothing in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection  
2866 shall be construed to require a hybrid retailer to offer consultations with  
2867 a licensed pharmacist either in-person or through telehealth.

2868 (e) [The hybrid retailer location shall include a private consultation  
2869 space for pharmacists to meet with qualifying patients and caregivers.]  
2870 Each hybrid retailer shall conspicuously display, on the exterior of the  
2871 hybrid retailer location, a symbol that denotes the sale of medical  
2872 [marijuana] cannabis products, which symbol shall be in a form and  
2873 manner prescribed by the commissioner and posted on the department's  
2874 Internet web site. Additionally, the hybrid retailer premises shall  
2875 accommodate an expedited method of entry that allows for priority  
2876 entrance into the premises for qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-  
2877 state patients and caregivers.

2878 (f) Hybrid retailers shall maintain a secure location, in a manner  
2879 approved by the commissioner, at the licensee's premises where  
2880 cannabis that is unable to be delivered may be returned to the hybrid  
2881 retailer. Such secure cannabis return location shall meet specifications  
2882 set forth by the commissioner and published on the department's  
2883 Internet web site or included in regulations adopted by the department.

2884 (g) Cannabis dispensed to a qualifying patient or caregiver that is

2885 unable to be delivered and is returned by the delivery service to the  
2886 hybrid retailer shall be returned to the licensee inventory system and  
2887 removed from the prescription drug monitoring program not later than  
2888 forty-eight hours after receipt of the cannabis from the delivery service.

2889 (h) A hybrid retailer may not convert its license to a retailer license.  
2890 To obtain a retailer license, a hybrid retailer shall apply through the  
2891 lottery application process. A hybrid retailer may convert to a  
2892 dispensary facility, provided the hybrid retailer complies with all  
2893 applicable provisions of chapter 420f and has received written approval  
2894 from the department.

2895 (i) A retailer may apply to the department to convert its license to a  
2896 hybrid retailer license, without applying through the lottery application  
2897 system. To convert a retailer license to a hybrid retailer license, a retailer  
2898 shall submit a complete application to the department, in a form and  
2899 manner prescribed by the commissioner. Prior to issuing a hybrid  
2900 retailer license pursuant to this section, the department shall conduct an  
2901 inspection of the converting retailer establishment. Upon a satisfactory  
2902 inspection, the department shall deactivate the converting retailer  
2903 license and issue a new hybrid retailer license to the applicant.

2904 (j) Manufacturer hemp products, as defined in section 22-61l, as  
2905 amended by this act, may be sold within a hybrid retailer facility,  
2906 provided such manufacturer hemp products are:

2907 (1) Stored separately from cannabis and cannabis products;

2908 (2) Separated, by a physical separation, from cannabis and cannabis  
2909 products in any display area;

2910 (3) Displayed with signage approved by the department;

2911 (4) Tested by a laboratory that meets the standards for accreditation  
2912 and testing, and sampling methods, set forth for an independent testing  
2913 laboratory in section 22-61m, as amended by this act, which laboratory

2914 may be located outside of this state;

2915 (5) Clearly labeled to distinguish the product as (A) a manufacturer  
2916 hemp product, (B) subject to different testing standards than cannabis,  
2917 and (C) not cannabis or a cannabis product;

2918 (6) Sold in accordance with this chapter, chapter 424 and any  
2919 regulations adopted pursuant to said chapters; and

2920 (7) Derived from hemp grown by a United States Department of  
2921 Agriculture hemp producer licensee under an approved state or tribal  
2922 hemp production plan.

2923 (k) No hybrid retailer shall retain any personal data the hybrid  
2924 retailer obtains from a consumer, qualifying patient, qualifying out-of-  
2925 state patient or caregiver for the purposes of age verification for longer  
2926 than twenty-four hours.

2927 Sec. 61. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 21a-420t of the 2026  
2928 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
2929 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2930 (a) A dispensary facility may apply to the department, on a form and  
2931 in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, to convert its license to a  
2932 hybrid retailer license [on or after September 1, 2021,] without applying  
2933 through the lottery application system. The license conversion  
2934 application shall require a dispensary facility to submit to, and obtain  
2935 approval from the department for, a detailed medical preservation plan  
2936 for how [it] the dispensary facility will prioritize sales and access to  
2937 medical [marijuana] cannabis products for qualifying patients,  
2938 including, but not limited to, managing customer traffic flow,  
2939 preventing supply shortages, providing delivery services and ensuring  
2940 appropriate staffing levels.

2941 (b) [After October 1, 2021, qualifying] Qualifying patients shall not be  
2942 required to designate a dispensary facility or hybrid retailer as [its] their

2943 exclusive location to purchase cannabis or medical [marijuana] cannabis  
2944 products, nor shall the department require any future change of  
2945 designated dispensary facility applications. [If all dispensary facilities  
2946 demonstrate to the department's satisfaction that they are adhering to  
2947 the real-time upload requirements set forth in subsection (c) of this  
2948 section prior to October 1, 2021, the commissioner may eliminate the  
2949 requirement for designated dispensary facilities prior to said date.]

2950 (c) [On and after September 1, 2021, dispensary] Dispensary facilities  
2951 and hybrid retailers shall [be required to] perform real-time uploads to  
2952 the prescription drug monitoring program. Any cannabis or medical  
2953 [marijuana] cannabis products sold to qualifying patients, qualifying  
2954 out-of-state patients or caregivers shall be dispensed by a licensed  
2955 pharmacist and shall be recorded into the prescription drug monitoring  
2956 program, established pursuant to section 21a-254, in real-time or  
2957 immediately upon completion of the transaction, unless not reasonably  
2958 feasible for a specific transaction, but in no case longer than one hour  
2959 after completion of the transaction.

2960 (d) A dispensary facility or hybrid retailer may apply to the  
2961 department, in a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner,  
2962 to provide delivery services through a delivery service or utilizing its  
2963 own employees, subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 21a-  
2964 420c, to qualifying patients, caregivers, research program subjects, as  
2965 defined in section 21a-408, as amended by this act, and hospice and  
2966 other inpatient care facilities licensed by the Department of Public  
2967 Health pursuant to chapter 368v that have a protocol for the handling  
2968 and distribution of cannabis that has been approved by the Department  
2969 of Consumer Protection. A dispensary facility or hybrid retailer may  
2970 deliver cannabis or medical [marijuana] cannabis products only from its  
2971 own inventory to qualifying patients and caregivers. If such application  
2972 is approved by the commissioner, the dispensary facility or hybrid  
2973 retailer may commence delivery services. [on and after January 1, 2022,  
2974 provided the commissioner may authorize dispensary facilities or  
2975 hybrid retailers to commence delivery services prior to January 1, 2022,

2976 upon forty-five days advance written notice, published on the  
2977 department's Internet web site.]

2978 Sec. 62. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420u of the 2026 supplement to  
2979 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2980 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2981 (b) Any equity joint venture created under this section shall be  
2982 created for the development of a cannabis establishment, other than a  
2983 cultivator, provided such equity joint venture is at least fifty per cent  
2984 owned and controlled by an individual or individuals who meet, or the  
2985 equity joint venture applicant is an individual who meets, the criteria  
2986 established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (53) of  
2987 section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

2988 Sec. 63. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of section 21a-420z of the 2026  
2989 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
2990 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2991 (c) A delivery service may (1) deliver cannabis from a micro-  
2992 cultivator, retailer, or hybrid retailer directly to a consumer, and (2)  
2993 deliver cannabis and medical [marijuana] cannabis products from a  
2994 hybrid retailer or dispensary facility directly to a qualifying patient,  
2995 caregiver, or hospice or other inpatient care facility licensed by the  
2996 Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that has  
2997 protocols for the handling and distribution of cannabis that have been  
2998 approved by the Department of Consumer Protection. A delivery  
2999 service may not store or maintain control of cannabis or medical  
3000 [marijuana] cannabis products for more than twenty-four hours  
3001 between the point when a consumer, qualifying patient, caregiver or  
3002 facility places an order, until the time that the cannabis or medical  
3003 [marijuana] cannabis product is delivered to such consumer, qualifying  
3004 patient, caregiver or facility.

3005 (d) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a  
3006 transporter may deliver cannabis between cannabis establishments,

3007 research programs and cannabis testing laboratories and shall not store  
3008 or maintain control of cannabis for more than twenty-four hours from  
3009 the time the transporter obtains the cannabis from a cannabis  
3010 establishment, research program or cannabis testing laboratory until the  
3011 time such cannabis is delivered to the destination.

3012 (2) (A) A transporter may expand the transporter's authorized  
3013 activities to store, maintain and handle cannabis in accordance with the  
3014 provisions of this subsection, provided such transporter:

3015 (i) Possesses each unit of cannabis for a period not to exceed thirty  
3016 days beginning on the date on which the transporter receives such  
3017 cannabis;

3018 (ii) Complies with all security requirements established pursuant to  
3019 section 21a-421l and the policies, procedures and regulations adopted  
3020 pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this act;

3021 (iii) Attests that such transporter shall not open or remove any  
3022 cannabis from individual child-resistant packaging, provided nothing  
3023 in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit a transporter from  
3024 consolidating or separating bulk packaged cannabis for the purposes of  
3025 commercial distribution;

3026 (iv) Attests that such transporter shall comply with all requirements  
3027 set forth in section 21a-421n, as amended by this act, and all policies,  
3028 procedures and regulations adopted pursuant to section 21a-421j, as  
3029 amended by this act, for the electronic tracking system concerning the  
3030 receipt, storage, repackaging and distribution of cannabis;

3031 (v) Pays to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
3032 commissioner, a one-time expansion authorization payment of five  
3033 thousand dollars, to be deposited in the consumer protection  
3034 enforcement account established in section 21a-8a;

3035 (vi) Notifies the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the

3036 commissioner, at least thirty days before the date on which the  
3037 transporter intends to commence the storage of cannabis for a period  
3038 exceeding twenty-four hours; and

3039 (vii) Receives written confirmation from the department that the  
3040 transporter meets the security requirements described in subparagraph  
3041 (A)(ii) of this subdivision.

3042 (B) The department shall take all reasonable efforts to schedule an  
3043 inspection of the cannabis establishment facility not later than sixty days  
3044 after the department receives an application for transporter expansion  
3045 pursuant to this subdivision. Upon completion of such inspection, the  
3046 department shall promptly provide to the transporter (i) written  
3047 confirmation of compliance with the security requirements set forth in  
3048 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision, or (ii) notice of noncompliance  
3049 with the security requirements set forth in subparagraph (A)(ii) of this  
3050 subdivision.

3051 (C) A transporter that expands the transporter's authorized activities  
3052 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall (i) comply with all  
3053 provisions of this chapter, and all regulations, policies and procedures  
3054 prescribed pursuant to this chapter, concerning product packagers, and  
3055 (ii) not open or remove any cannabis from individual child-resistant  
3056 packaging, provided nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to  
3057 prohibit a transporter from consolidating or separating bulk packaged  
3058 cannabis for the purposes of commercial distribution on a scale that is  
3059 greater than commercial distribution on an individual and final  
3060 packaging basis.

3061 (D) In the event of a conflict between any provision of this chapter, or  
3062 any regulation, policy or procedure prescribed pursuant to this chapter,  
3063 concerning transporters and any such provision, regulation, policy or  
3064 procedure concerning product packagers, the provision, regulation,  
3065 policy or procedure imposing the more stringent public health and  
3066 safety standard shall prevail.

3067 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
3068 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding  
3069 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to  
3070 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and  
3071 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue  
3072 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section that  
3073 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all  
3074 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site, and  
3075 submit such policies and procedures to the joint standing committee of  
3076 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
3077 consumer protection and the Secretary of the State for posting on the  
3078 eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date of  
3079 any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer  
3080 be effective upon the earlier of either adoption of such policy or  
3081 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or sixty-three  
3082 months from July 1, 2021. The commissioner shall issue policies and  
3083 procedures, and thereafter adopt final regulations, requiring that: (1)  
3084 The delivery service and transporter meet certain security requirements  
3085 related to the storage, handling and transport of cannabis, the vehicles  
3086 employed, the conduct of employees and agents, and the  
3087 documentation that shall be maintained by the delivery service,  
3088 transporter and its drivers; (2) a delivery service that delivers cannabis  
3089 to consumers maintain an online interface that verifies the age of  
3090 consumers ordering cannabis for delivery and meets certain  
3091 specifications and data security standards; and (3) a delivery service that  
3092 delivers cannabis to consumers, qualifying patients or caregivers, and  
3093 all employees and agents of such licensee, to verify the identity of the  
3094 qualifying patient, caregiver or consumer and the age of the consumer  
3095 upon delivery of cannabis to the end consumer, qualifying patient or  
3096 caregiver, in a manner acceptable to the commissioner. The individual  
3097 placing the cannabis order shall be the individual accepting delivery of  
3098 the cannabis except, in the case of a qualifying patient, the individual  
3099 accepting the delivery may be the caregiver of such qualifying patient.

3100 Sec. 64. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of  
3101 section 21a-420aa of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is  
3102 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3103 *1, 2026*):

3104 (A) Such change in ownership or control is allowed under (i) section  
3105 21a-420g or 21a-420h, as amended by this act, and (ii) any regulation  
3106 adopted, or policy or procedure issued, pursuant to section 21a-420g or  
3107 21a-420h, as amended by this act; and

3108 Sec. 65. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of  
3109 section 21a-420bb of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is  
3110 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3111 *1, 2026*):

3112 (A) Such change in ownership or control is allowed under (i) section  
3113 21a-420g or 21a-420h, as amended by this act, and (ii) any regulation  
3114 adopted, or policy or procedure issued, pursuant to section 21a-420g or  
3115 21a-420h, as amended by this act; and

3116 Sec. 66. Subsection (f) of section 21a-421d of the general statutes is  
3117 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3118 *1, 2026*):

3119 (f) A producer, cultivator or micro-cultivator may sell, transport or  
3120 transfer cannabis to a product packager, food or beverage manufacturer,  
3121 product manufacturer, dispensary facility or hybrid retailer for the sale  
3122 of products to [qualified] qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-state  
3123 patients or caregivers, as applicable, which products shall be labeled  
3124 "For Medical Use Only".

3125 Sec. 67. Section 21a-421j of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
3126 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3127 *October 1, 2026*):

3128 (a) As used in this section: [, "total THC"]

3129 (1) "Other cannabis plant material" (A) means cannabis trim and all  
3130 parts of any plant or species of the genus cannabis, or any infra specific  
3131 taxon thereof, excluding a growing plant, and the seeds thereof, and (B)  
3132 does not include cannabis flower or hemp, as defined in section 22-61l,  
3133 as amended by this act; and

3134 (2) "Total THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240,  
3135 as amended by this act.

3136 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
3137 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding  
3138 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to  
3139 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and  
3140 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue  
3141 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of RERACA that  
3142 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all  
3143 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site and  
3144 submit such policies and procedures to the joint standing committee of  
3145 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
3146 consumer protection and the Secretary of the State for posting on the  
3147 eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date of  
3148 any policy or procedure. The commissioner shall also provide such  
3149 policies and procedures, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner,  
3150 to each licensee. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer be  
3151 effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or  
3152 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or sixty-three  
3153 months from June 22, 2021. The commissioner shall issue policies and  
3154 procedures and thereafter final regulations that include, but are not  
3155 limited to, the following:

3156 (1) Setting appropriate dosage, potency, concentration and serving  
3157 size limits and delineation requirements for cannabis, provided (A) a  
3158 standardized serving of an edible cannabis product, [or beverage,] other  
3159 than a medical [marijuana] cannabis product, shall contain not more  
3160 than the greater of (i) five milligrams of THC, or (ii) six milligrams of

3161 THC, provided the increase over the quantity specified in subparagraph  
3162 (A)(i) of this subdivision is due to the margin of error inherent in  
3163 laboratory testing, and (B) there shall be no dosage, potency or  
3164 concentration limit for (i) cannabis concentrates, or (ii) cannabis flower  
3165 or other cannabis plant material.

3166 (2) Requiring that each single standardized serving of cannabis  
3167 product in a multiple-serving edible product or beverage is physically  
3168 demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to determine how  
3169 much of the product constitutes a single serving and a maximum  
3170 amount of THC per multiple-serving edible cannabis product or  
3171 beverage.

3172 (3) Requiring that, if it is impracticable to clearly demark every  
3173 standardized serving of cannabis product or to make each standardized  
3174 serving easily separable in an edible cannabis product or beverage, the  
3175 product, other than cannabis concentrate, [or medical marijuana]  
3176 cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material or a medical cannabis  
3177 product, shall contain not more than the greater of (A) five milligrams  
3178 of THC per unit of sale, or (B) six milligrams of THC per unit of sale,  
3179 provided the increase over the quantity specified in subparagraph (A)  
3180 of this subdivision is due to the margin of error inherent in laboratory  
3181 testing.

3182 (4) Establishing, in consultation with the Department of Mental  
3183 Health and Addiction Services, consumer health materials that shall be  
3184 posted or distributed, as specified by the commissioner, by cannabis  
3185 establishments to maximize dissemination to cannabis consumers.  
3186 Consumer health materials may include pamphlets, packaging inserts,  
3187 signage, online and printed advertisements and advisories and printed  
3188 health materials.

3189 (5) Imposing labeling and packaging requirements for cannabis sold  
3190 by a cannabis establishment that include, but are not limited to, the  
3191 following:

3192 (A) Inclusion of universal symbols to indicate that cannabis, or a  
3193 cannabis product, contains THC and is not legal or safe for individuals  
3194 younger than twenty-one years of age, and prescribe how such product  
3195 and product packaging shall utilize and exhibit such symbols.

3196 (B) A disclosure concerning the length of time it typically takes for  
3197 the cannabis to affect an individual, including that certain forms of  
3198 cannabis take longer to have an effect.

3199 (C) A notation of the amount of cannabis the cannabis product is  
3200 considered the equivalent to.

3201 (D) A list of ingredients and additives for cannabis.

3202 (E) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of section  
3203 21a-420p, as amended by this act, child-resistant, tamper-resistant and  
3204 light-resistant packaging. For the purposes of this subparagraph,  
3205 packaging shall be deemed to be (i) child-resistant if the packaging  
3206 satisfies the standard for special packaging established in 16 CFR  
3207 1700.1(b)(4), as amended from time to time, (ii) tamper-resistant if the  
3208 packaging has at least one barrier to, or indicator of, entry that would  
3209 preclude the contents of such packaging from being accessed or  
3210 adulterated without indicating to a reasonable person that such  
3211 packaging has been breached, and (iii) light-resistant if the packaging is  
3212 entirely and uniformly opaque and protects the entirety of the contents  
3213 of such packaging from the effects of light.

3214 (F) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of section  
3215 21a-420p, as amended by this act, (i) packaging for cannabis intended  
3216 for multiple servings to be resealable in such a manner so as to render  
3217 such packaging continuously child-resistant, as described in  
3218 subparagraph (E)(i) of this subdivision, and preserve the integrity of the  
3219 contents of such packaging, and (ii) if packaging for cannabis intended  
3220 for multiple servings contains any edible cannabis product, for each  
3221 single standardized serving to be easily discernible and (I) individually  
3222 wrapped, or (II) physically demarked and delineated as required under

3223 this subsection.

3224 (G) Impervious packaging that protects the contents of such  
3225 packaging from contamination and exposure to any toxic or harmful  
3226 substance, including, but not limited to, any glue or other adhesive or  
3227 substance that is incorporated in such packaging.

3228 (H) Product tracking information sufficient to determine where and  
3229 when the cannabis was grown and manufactured such that a product  
3230 recall could be effectuated.

3231 (I) A net weight statement.

3232 (J) A recommended use by or expiration date.

3233 (K) Standard and uniform packaging and labeling, including, but not  
3234 limited to, requirements (i) regarding branding or logos, (ii) that all  
3235 packaging be opaque, and (iii) that amounts and concentrations of THC  
3236 and cannabidiol, per serving and per package, be clearly marked on the  
3237 packaging or label of any cannabis product sold.

3238 (L) For any cannabis flower, other cannabis plant material or cannabis  
3239 concentrate cannabis product that contains a total THC percentage  
3240 greater than thirty per cent, a warning that such cannabis flower, other  
3241 cannabis plant material or cannabis concentrate cannabis product is a  
3242 high-potency product and may increase the risk of psychosis.

3243 (M) Chemotypes, which shall be displayed as (i) "High THC, Low  
3244 CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is greater than five to one and the  
3245 total THC percentage is at least fifteen per cent, (ii) "Moderate THC,  
3246 Moderate CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is at least one to five but  
3247 not greater than five to one and the total THC percentage is greater than  
3248 five per cent but less than fifteen per cent, (iii) "Low THC, High CBD"  
3249 where the ratio of THC to CBD is less than one to five and the total THC  
3250 percentage is not greater than five per cent, or (iv) the chemotype  
3251 described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subparagraph that most closely

3252 fits the cannabis or cannabis product, as determined by mathematical  
3253 analysis of the ratio of THC to CBD, where such cannabis or cannabis  
3254 product does not fit a chemotype described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of  
3255 this subparagraph.

3256 (N) A requirement that, prior to being sold and transferred to a  
3257 consumer, qualifying patient, qualifying out-of-state patient or  
3258 caregiver, cannabis packaging be clearly labeled, whether printed  
3259 directly on such packaging or affixed by way of a separate label, other  
3260 than an extended content label, with:

3261 (i) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking  
3262 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under  
3263 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by  
3264 the commissioner pursuant to this section; and

3265 (ii) The following information concerning the cannabis contained in  
3266 such packaging, which shall be in legible English, black lettering, Times  
3267 New Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background  
3268 and in uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a  
3269 capital letter "K", which information shall also be available on the  
3270 Internet web site of the cannabis establishment that sells and transfers  
3271 such cannabis:

3272 (I) The name of such cannabis, as registered with the department  
3273 under the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted,  
3274 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

3275 (II) The expiration date, which shall not account for any refrigeration  
3276 after such cannabis is sold and transferred to the consumer, qualifying  
3277 patient, qualifying out-of-state patient or caregiver.

3278 (III) The net weight or volume, expressed in metric and imperial  
3279 units.

3280 (IV) The standardized serving size, expressed in customary units, and

3281 the number of servings included in such packaging, if applicable.

3282 (V) Directions for use and storage.

3283 (VI) Each active ingredient comprising at least one per cent of such  
3284 cannabis, including cannabinoids, isomers, esters, ethers and salts and  
3285 salts of isomers, esters and ethers, and all quantities thereof expressed  
3286 in metric units and as a percentage of volume.

3287 (VII) A list of all known allergens, as identified by the federal Food  
3288 and Drug Administration, contained in such cannabis, or the denotation  
3289 "no known FDA identified allergens" if such cannabis does not contain  
3290 any allergen identified by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

3291 (VIII) The following warning statement within, and outlined by, a red  
3292 box:

3293 "This product is not FDA-approved, may be intoxicating, cause long-  
3294 term physical and mental health problems, and have delayed side  
3295 effects. It is illegal to operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence  
3296 of cannabis. Keep away from children."

3297 (IX) At least one of the following warning statements, rotated  
3298 quarterly on an alternating basis:

3299 "Warning: Frequent and prolonged use of cannabis can contribute to  
3300 mental health problems over time, including anxiety, depression,  
3301 stunted brain development and impaired memory."

3302 "Warning: Consumption while pregnant or breastfeeding may be  
3303 harmful."

3304 "Warning: Cannabis has intoxicating effects and may be habit-  
3305 forming and addictive."

3306 "Warning: Consuming more than the recommended amount may  
3307 result in adverse effects requiring medical attention."

3308 (X) All information necessary to comply with labeling requirements  
3309 imposed under the laws of this state and federal law, including, but not  
3310 limited to, sections 21a-91 to 21a-120, inclusive, and 21a-151 to 21a-159,  
3311 inclusive, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 301 et seq.,  
3312 as amended from time to time, and the federal Fair Packaging and  
3313 Labeling Act, 15 USC 1451 et seq., as amended from time to time, for  
3314 similar products that do not contain cannabis.

3315 (XI) Such additional warning labels for certain cannabis products as  
3316 the commissioner may require and post on the department's Internet  
3317 web site.

3318 (6) Establishing laboratory testing standards, provided such  
3319 laboratory testing standards shall not require any cannabis flower or  
3320 other cannabis plant material to undergo stability testing after such  
3321 cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material is in its final packaging.

3322 (7) Establishing consumer disclosures concerning mold and yeast in  
3323 cannabis. [and]

3324 (8) Establishing permitted remediation practices, which practices  
3325 shall include, but need not be limited to, remediation of cannabis flower  
3326 or other cannabis plant material by way of one or more exposures to  
3327 ionizing radiation for any cannabis flower or other cannabis plant  
3328 material that fails any laboratory testing due to microbial  
3329 contamination, provided a label is affixed to the packaging containing  
3330 the remediated cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material  
3331 disclosing that such cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material has  
3332 undergone remediation by way of exposure to ionizing radiation.

3333 [(7)] (9) Restricting forms of cannabis products and cannabis product  
3334 delivery systems to ensure consumer safety and deter public health  
3335 concerns.

3336 [(8)] (10) Prohibiting certain manufacturing methods, or inclusion of  
3337 additives to cannabis products, including, but not limited to, (A) added

3338 flavoring, terpenes or other additives unless approved by the  
3339 department, or (B) any form of nicotine or other additive containing  
3340 nicotine.

3341 [(9)] (11) Prohibiting cannabis product types that appeal to children,  
3342 including, but not limited to, facsimiles of foods, beverages and other  
3343 items that appeal to children.

3344 [(10)] (12) Establishing physical and cyber security requirements  
3345 related to build out, monitoring and protocols for cannabis  
3346 establishments as a requirement for licensure.

3347 [(11)] (13) Placing temporary limits on the sale of cannabis in the  
3348 adult-use market, if deemed appropriate and necessary by the  
3349 commissioner, in response to a shortage of cannabis for qualifying  
3350 patients.

3351 [(12)] (14) Requiring retailers and hybrid retailers to make best efforts  
3352 to provide access to (A) low-dose THC products, including products  
3353 that have one milligram and two and a half milligrams of THC per dose,  
3354 and (B) high-dose CBD products.

3355 [(13)] (15) Requiring producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators,  
3356 product manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers to  
3357 register brand names for cannabis, in accordance with the policies and  
3358 procedures and subject to the fee set forth in, regulations adopted under  
3359 chapter 420f.

3360 [(14)] (16) Prohibiting a cannabis establishment from selling, other  
3361 than the sale of medical [marijuana] cannabis products between  
3362 cannabis establishments and the sale of cannabis to qualifying patients,  
3363 qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers, [(A) cannabis flower or  
3364 other cannabis plant material with a total THC concentration greater  
3365 than thirty-five per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (B)] any cannabis  
3366 product [other than cannabis flower and cannabis plant material] with  
3367 a total THC concentration greater than seventy per cent on a dry-weight

3368 basis, except that the provisions of [subparagraph (B) of] this  
3369 subdivision shall not apply to the sale of cannabis concentrates,  
3370 cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material or prefilled cartridges  
3371 for use in an electronic cannabis delivery system, as defined in section  
3372 19a-342a, as amended by this act. [and the department may adjust the  
3373 percentages set forth in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision in  
3374 regulations adopted pursuant to this section for purposes of public  
3375 health or to address market access or shortage. As used in this  
3376 subdivision, "cannabis plant material" means material from the cannabis  
3377 plant, as defined in section 21a-279a.]

3378 [(15)] (17) Requiring dispensary facilities, hybrid retailers and  
3379 retailers to display the following types of cannabis in a form and manner  
3380 prescribed by the department and in an area physically and visually  
3381 separated from other cannabis for sale at such establishment: (A)  
3382 Cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material with a total THC  
3383 concentration greater than thirty per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (B)  
3384 any cannabis product other than cannabis flower and cannabis plant  
3385 material with a total THC concentration greater than sixty per cent on a  
3386 dry-weight basis, excluding prefilled cartridges for use in an electronic  
3387 cannabis delivery system. [As used in this subdivision, "cannabis plant  
3388 material" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (j) of section  
3389 21a-279a.]

3390 [(16)] (18) Requiring any dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer  
3391 that sells any form of cannabis that exceeds the THC concentrations set  
3392 forth in subdivision [(15)] (17) of this subsection to include the words  
3393 "Warning - High THC" next to each such form of cannabis on such  
3394 cannabis establishment's menus and advertisements.

3395 [(17)] (19) Prescribing signage to be displayed at a dispensary facility,  
3396 hybrid retailer or retailer informing consumers, qualifying patients,  
3397 qualifying out-of-state patients and caregivers of health risks associated  
3398 with cannabis in excess of the THC concentrations set forth in  
3399 subdivision [(15)] (17) of this subsection.

3400        [(18)] (20) Permitting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis.

3401        [(19)] (21) Prohibiting packaging that is (A) visually similar to any  
3402 commercially similar product that does not contain cannabis, or (B) used  
3403 for any good that is marketed to individuals reasonably expected to be  
3404 younger than twenty-one years of age.

3405        [(20)] (22) Allowing packaging to include a picture of the cannabis  
3406 product and contain [a] the branding and logo of one cannabis  
3407 establishment, [ which logo may be comprised of not more than three  
3408 colors and provided neither black nor white shall be considered one of  
3409 such three colors.]

3410        [(21)] Requiring packaging to (A) be entirely and uniformly one color,  
3411 and (B) not incorporate any information, print, embossing, debossing,  
3412 graphic or hidden feature, other than any permitted or required label.]

3413        [(22)] (23) Requiring that packaging and labeling, [for an edible  
3414 cannabis product,] excluding the warning labels required under this  
3415 subsection and [a] the picture, [of the cannabis product] branding and  
3416 logo described in subdivision [(20)] (22) of this subsection, [but  
3417 including, but not limited to, the logo of the cannabis establishment,]  
3418 shall [only] be comprised of not more than three colors and provided  
3419 neither black [and] nor white [or a combination thereof] shall be  
3420 considered one of such three colors.

3421        [(23)] (24) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
3422 subdivision, requiring that delivery device cartridges be labeled, in a  
3423 clearly legible manner and in as large a font as the size of the device  
3424 reasonably allows, with only the following information (i) the name of  
3425 the cannabis establishment where the cannabis is grown or  
3426 manufactured, (ii) the cannabis brand, (iii) the total THC and total CBD  
3427 content contained within the delivery device cartridge, (iv) the  
3428 expiration date, and (v) the unique identifier generated by a cannabis  
3429 analytic tracking system maintained by the department and used to  
3430 track cannabis under the policies and procedures issued, and final

3431 regulations adopted, by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

3432 (B) A cannabis establishment may emboss, deboss or similarly print  
3433 the name of the cannabis establishment's business entity [,] and one logo  
3434 [with not more than three colors,] on a delivery device cartridge.

3435 [(24)] (25) Prescribing signage to be prominently displayed at  
3436 dispensary facilities, retailers and hybrid retailers disclosing (A)  
3437 possible health risks related to mold, and (B) the use and possible health  
3438 risks related to the use of mold remediation techniques.

3439 Sec. 68. Subsection (b) of section 21a-421k of the 2026 supplement to  
3440 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3441 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3442 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172,  
3443 inclusive, in order to effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect  
3444 public health and safety, prior to adopting such regulations the  
3445 commissioner shall implement policies and procedures to implement  
3446 the provisions of RERACA that shall have the force and effect of law.  
3447 The commissioner shall post all such policies and procedures on the  
3448 department's Internet web site and submit such policies and procedures  
3449 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
3450 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and the Secretary  
3451 of the State for posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days  
3452 prior to the effective date of any policy or procedure. Any such policies  
3453 and procedures shall no longer be effective upon the earlier of either  
3454 adoption of such policies and procedures as a final regulation under  
3455 section 4-172 or sixty-three months from June 22, 2021.

3456 Sec. 69. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 21a-421n of the general  
3457 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3458 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3459 (a) Each cannabis establishment, licensed pursuant to chapter 420f or  
3460 the provisions of RERACA shall maintain a record of all cannabis

3461 grown, manufactured, wasted and distributed between cannabis  
3462 establishments and to consumers, qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-  
3463 state patients and caregivers in a form and manner prescribed by the  
3464 commissioner. The commissioner shall require each cannabis  
3465 establishment to use an electronic tracking system to monitor the  
3466 production, harvesting, storage, manufacturing, packaging and  
3467 labeling, processing, transport, transfer and sale of cannabis from the  
3468 point of cannabis cultivation inception through the point when the final  
3469 product is sold to a consumer, qualifying patient, qualifying out-of-state  
3470 patient, caregiver, research program or otherwise disposed of in  
3471 accordance with chapter 420f or the provisions of RERACA, and the  
3472 policies and procedures or regulations issued pursuant to RERACA.  
3473 Cannabis establishments shall be required to utilize such electronic  
3474 tracking system and enter the data points required by the commissioner  
3475 to ensure cannabis is safe, secure and properly labeled for consumer,  
3476 [or] qualifying patient or qualifying out-of-state patient use. The  
3477 commissioner may contract with one or more vendors for the purpose  
3478 of electronically collecting such cannabis information.

3479 (b) The electronic tracking system shall not collect information about  
3480 any individual consumer, qualifying patient, qualifying out-of-state  
3481 patient or caregiver purchasing cannabis.

3482 Sec. 70. Subsection (e) of section 21a-421o of the general statutes is  
3483 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3484 *1, 2026*):

3485 (e) Except as otherwise provided in RERACA, all records maintained  
3486 or kept on file related to RERACA by the department or the Social  
3487 Equity Council shall be public records for purposes of the Freedom of  
3488 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200. In addition to the  
3489 nondisclosure provisions contained in sections 1-210, 21a-408d, as  
3490 amended by this act, 21a-408l, as amended by this act, 21a-408v, as  
3491 amended by this act, 21a-420g, 21a-421n, as amended by this act, and  
3492 21a-421p, [and 21a-422k,] any information related to (1) the physical

3493 security plans of a cannabis establishment or the criminal background  
3494 of individual applicants that is obtained by the department through the  
3495 licensing process, (2) the supply and distribution of cannabis by  
3496 cannabis establishments, and (3) [qualified] qualifying patient,  
3497 qualifying out-of-state patient and caregiver information, shall be  
3498 confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of  
3499 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

3500 Sec. 71. Section 21a-421q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3501 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3502 (a) Qualifying out-of-state patients, and qualifying patients and  
3503 caregivers registered pursuant to chapter 420f, shall be permitted to  
3504 purchase cannabis of higher potency, varied dosage form, and in a  
3505 larger per transaction or per day amount than are generally available for  
3506 retail purchase, as determined by the commissioner. Such  
3507 determination, if any, shall be published on the Department of  
3508 Consumer Protection's Internet web site or included in regulations  
3509 adopted by the department.

3510 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the sale or  
3511 delivery of drug paraphernalia to a qualifying patient, qualifying out-  
3512 of-state patient or caregiver or person licensed pursuant to the  
3513 provisions of RERACA or chapter 420f, shall not be considered a  
3514 violation of the provisions of RERACA.

3515 Sec. 72. Section 21a-421r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3516 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3517 A licensed pharmacist working as an employee at a dispensary  
3518 facility or hybrid retailer shall transmit dispensing information, in a  
3519 manner prescribed by the commissioner, on any cannabis sold to a  
3520 qualifying patient, qualifying out-of-state patient or caregiver in real-  
3521 time or immediately upon completion of the transaction, unless not  
3522 reasonably feasible for a specific transaction, but in no case longer than  
3523 one hour after completion of the transaction.

3524 Sec. 73. Section 21a-421s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3525 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3526 (a) For the purposes of this section, [:

3527 (1) "Container" (A)] "container" (1) means an object that is offered,  
3528 intended for sale or sold to a consumer and directly contains an infused  
3529 beverage, [or legacy infused beverage,] and [(B)] (2) does not include an  
3530 object or packaging that indirectly contains, or contains in bulk for  
3531 transportation purposes, an infused beverage. [or legacy infused  
3532 beverage; and

3533 (2) "Legacy infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in  
3534 section 21a-425.]

3535 (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by a dispensary facility,  
3536 hybrid retailer or retailer on each infused beverage container [and  
3537 legacy infused beverage container] sold by such cannabis establishment.  
3538 Such fee shall not be subject to any sales tax or treated as income  
3539 pursuant to any provision of the general statutes.

3540 (c) On [October 1, 2024, and every six months thereafter] the first days  
3541 of October and April, each dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer  
3542 shall remit payment to the department for each infused beverage  
3543 container [and legacy infused beverage container] sold during the  
3544 preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department  
3545 from infused beverage sales [and legacy infused beverage sales] shall be  
3546 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established  
3547 in section 21a-8a for the purposes of (1) protecting public health and  
3548 safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring  
3549 compliance with cannabis and liquor control laws.

3550 Sec. 74. Subsection (c) of section 21a-421aa of the general statutes is  
3551 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3552 *1, 2026*):

3553 (c) A retailer or hybrid retailer shall not knowingly sell to a consumer  
3554 more than one ounce of cannabis or the equivalent amount of cannabis  
3555 products or combination of cannabis and cannabis products, as set forth  
3556 in subsection (i) of section 21a-279a, per day, except that a hybrid retailer  
3557 or dispensary facility may sell up to five ounces of cannabis or the  
3558 equivalent amount of cannabis products or combination of cannabis and  
3559 cannabis products to a qualifying patient or caregiver, or a qualifying  
3560 out-of-state patient, per day. Notwithstanding the requirements of  
3561 sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, to avoid cannabis supply shortages or  
3562 address a public health and safety concern, the commissioner may set  
3563 temporary lower per-transaction limits, which shall be published on the  
3564 department's Internet web site. Such limits shall become ineffective  
3565 upon the commissioner's determination that a supply shortage or public  
3566 health and safety concern no longer exists.

3567 Sec. 75. Subdivision (15) of subsection (b) of section 21a-421bb of the  
3568 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
3569 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3570 (15) Engage in advertising or marketing that includes a discounted  
3571 price or other promotional offering as an inducement to purchase any  
3572 cannabis or cannabis product that is not a medical [marijuana] cannabis  
3573 product, except a discounted price or promotional offering may be  
3574 offered, as an inducement to purchase cannabis, (A) within a dispensary  
3575 facility, retailer or hybrid retailer, (B) through a delivery service, or (C)  
3576 on an Internet web site maintained by or for a dispensary facility,  
3577 retailer or hybrid retailer where cannabis or cannabis products may be  
3578 lawfully ordered.

3579 Sec. 76. Section 21a-421ddd of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3580 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3581 Any person twenty-three years of age or older who sells, delivers or  
3582 gives cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by  
3583 this act, to any person under twenty-one years of age, and who knew or

3584 should have known that such person was under twenty-one years of  
3585 age, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

3586 Sec. 77. Subsection (a) of section 21a-422g of the general statutes is  
3587 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3588 *1, 2026*):

3589 (a) Upon the petition of not less than ten per cent of the electors of  
3590 any municipality, lodged with the town clerk at least sixty days before  
3591 the date of any regular election, as defined in section 9-1, the selectmen  
3592 of the municipality shall warn the electors of such municipality that, at  
3593 such regular election, a vote shall be taken to determine: (1) Whether or  
3594 not the recreational sale of [marijuana] cannabis shall be permitted in  
3595 such municipality, or (2) whether the sale of [marijuana] cannabis shall  
3596 be permitted in such municipality in one or more of the classes of license  
3597 of cannabis establishments. The ballot label designations in a vote upon  
3598 the question of cannabis establishment license shall be "Shall the sale of  
3599 recreational [marijuana] cannabis be allowed in .... (Name of  
3600 municipality)?" or "Shall the sale of cannabis under (Specified license or  
3601 Licenses) be allowed in .... (Name of municipality)?" or "Shall the sale of  
3602 recreational [marijuana] cannabis be prohibited (No Licenses) in ....  
3603 (Name of municipality)?" and shall be provided in accordance with the  
3604 provisions of section 9-250. No elector shall vote for more than one  
3605 designation. Such vote shall be taken in the manner prescribed in section  
3606 9-369 and shall become effective on the first Monday of the month next  
3607 succeeding such election and shall remain in force until a new vote is  
3608 taken; provided such vote may be taken at a special election called for  
3609 the purpose in conformity with the provisions of section 9-164 and  
3610 provided at least one year shall have elapsed since the previous vote  
3611 was taken. The provisions of chapter 145 concerning absentee voting at  
3612 referenda shall apply to all votes taken upon the question of cannabis  
3613 establishment license. Any class of cannabis establishments already  
3614 allowed in a municipality shall not be affected by any vote.

3615 Sec. 78. Subsection (g) of section 21a-422k of the general statutes is

3616 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3617 *1, 2026*):

3618 (g) [Any] All information [or] and documentary material filed with  
3619 the Attorney General pursuant to this section shall [not be subject to  
3620 disclosure under] be public records for purposes of the Freedom of  
3621 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and [no such information  
3622 or documentary material may be made public, except as may be relevant  
3623 to any administrative or judicial action or proceeding. Such information  
3624 or documentary material shall be returned to the person furnishing such  
3625 information or documentary material upon the termination of the  
3626 Attorney General's review or final determination of any action or  
3627 proceeding commenced thereunder] shall be retained by the Attorney  
3628 General in accordance with the state's record retention schedule. The  
3629 Attorney General may redact such records only to the extent that  
3630 redaction is necessary and authorized under subdivision (2) or (5) of  
3631 subsection (b) of section 1-210, except the identity of any person,  
3632 including, but not limited to, any backer or owner of an equity interest,  
3633 involved in any transaction that results in, or will result in, a material  
3634 change to a cannabis establishment shall not be subject to redaction by  
3635 the Attorney General.

3636 Sec. 79. Subsection (a) of section 21a-422l of the general statutes is  
3637 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3638 *1, 2026*):

3639 (a) As used in this section, "cannabis" has the same meaning as  
3640 provided in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act, and  
3641 "electronic cannabis delivery system" and "vapor product" have the  
3642 same meanings as provided in section 19a-342a, as amended by this act.  
3643 No hotel, motel or similar lodging shall prohibit the legal possession or  
3644 consumption of cannabis in any nonpublic area of such hotel, motel or  
3645 similar lodging.

3646 Sec. 80. Section 21a-422m of the general statutes is repealed and the

3647 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3648 As used in this section, "hospital" has the same meaning as provided  
3649 in section 19a-490 and "cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in  
3650 section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act. No hospital shall be  
3651 required to allow a patient to use cannabis while at such hospital. A  
3652 hospital may have a policy that sets forth restrictions patients shall  
3653 follow regarding cannabis use.

3654 Sec. 81. Section 21a-425 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
3655 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3656 *October 1, 2026*):

3657 For the purposes of this section, sections 21a-425a, as amended by this  
3658 act, 21a-425b, as amended by this act, 21a-425e, as amended by this act,  
3659 and 21a-425f, as amended by this act:

3660 (1) "Alcoholic beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3661 30-1, as amended by this act;

3662 (2) "Cannabis" [means marijuana, as defined] has the same meaning  
3663 as provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

3664 (3) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in  
3665 section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3666 (4) "Cannabis product" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3667 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3668 (5) "Cannabis testing laboratory" has the same meaning as provided  
3669 in section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

3670 (6) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
3671 Protection;

3672 (7) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420,  
3673 as amended by this act;

3674 (8) "Container" (A) means an object that is offered, intended for sale  
3675 or sold to a consumer and directly contains an infused beverage or high-  
3676 THC beverage, and (B) does not include an object or packaging that  
3677 indirectly contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes, an  
3678 infused beverage or high-THC beverage;

3679 (9) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420,  
3680 as amended by this act;

3681 (10) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

3682 (11) "Dispensary facility" has the same meaning as provided in  
3683 section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3684 (12) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as  
3685 provided in section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3686 (13) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l, as  
3687 amended by this act;

3688 (14) "Hemp producer" means producer, as defined in section 22-61l,  
3689 as amended by this act;

3690 (15) "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3691 22-61l, as amended by this act;

3692 (16) "High-THC beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an  
3693 alcoholic beverage, (B) is intended for human consumption, (C)  
3694 contains, or is advertised, labeled or offered for sale as containing, total  
3695 THC that is greater than [three] ten milligrams per container, and (D)  
3696 contains THC solely derived from hemp (i) grown by a United States  
3697 Department of Agriculture hemp producer licensee under an approved  
3698 state or tribal hemp production plan, and (ii) with a total THC  
3699 concentration of not more than three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight  
3700 basis or by volume, as applicable;

3701 (17) "Hybrid retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section

3702 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3703 (18) "Infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an alcoholic  
3704 beverage, (B) is intended for human consumption, and (C) contains, or  
3705 is advertised, labeled or offered for sale as containing, total THC that is  
3706 not greater than [three] (i) five milligrams per container if the beverage  
3707 is sold or offered for sale on premises operating under a package store  
3708 permit issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this  
3709 act, or an infused beverage on premises consumption endorsement  
3710 issued under section 92 of this act, or (ii) ten milligrams per container if  
3711 the beverage is sold or offered for sale at a dispensary facility, hybrid  
3712 retailer or retailer;

3713 (19) "Infused beverage manufacturer" means a person licensed by the  
3714 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-425a, as  
3715 amended by this act;

3716 (20) "Infused beverage wholesaler" (A) means a person that has been  
3717 issued an infused beverage wholesaler license under section 21a-425e,  
3718 as amended by this act, and (B) does not include the holder of a  
3719 wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under section  
3720 30-17;

3721 [(21) "Legacy infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an  
3722 alcoholic beverage, (B) is intended for human consumption, (C)  
3723 contains, or is advertised, labeled or offered for sale as containing, THC,  
3724 and (D) as of June 30, 2024, is in compliance with (i) the provisions of  
3725 RERACA, and (ii) the policies and procedures issued by the  
3726 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to implement, and any  
3727 regulations adopted pursuant to, RERACA;]

3728 [(22)] (21) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in  
3729 section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3730 [(23)] (22) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as  
3731 provided in section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

3732        [(24)] ~~(23)~~ "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
3733 420, as amended by this act;

3734        [(25)] ~~(24)~~ "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3735 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3736        [(26)] ~~(25)~~ "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided  
3737 in section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3738        [(27)] ~~(26)~~ "RERACA" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3739 21a-420, as amended by this act;

3740        [(28)] ~~(27)~~ "Retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
3741 420, as amended by this act;

3742        [(29)] ~~(28)~~ "THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
3743 240, as amended by this act; and

3744        [(30)] ~~(29)~~ "Total THC" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3745 21a-240, as amended by this act.

3746        Sec. 82. Section 21a-425a of the 2026 supplement to the general  
3747 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3748 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3749        (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 22-61m, as amended  
3750 by this act, and 22-61n, as amended by this act, and except as provided  
3751 in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall [, on or after October 1,  
3752 2024,] manufacture any infused beverage that is intended to be sold or  
3753 offered for sale in this state unless such person has received an infused  
3754 beverage manufacturer license issued by the Commissioner of  
3755 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

3756        (b) A person seeking an infused beverage manufacturer license under  
3757 this section shall submit to the Department of Consumer Protection, in  
3758 a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer  
3759 Protection, an application accompanied by an application fee in the

3760 amount of five thousand dollars. Each license issued pursuant to this  
3761 section shall be valid for a period of one year, and shall be renewable for  
3762 additional one-year periods upon submission of a renewal application  
3763 in the manner, and payment of a renewal fee in the amount, set forth for  
3764 an initial application under this subsection. All fees collected under this  
3765 subsection shall be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement  
3766 account established in section 21a-8a.

3767 (c) (1) A cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer  
3768 or product manufacturer, or a producer that has received expanded  
3769 authorization to engage in the adult use cannabis market under the  
3770 producer's license issued pursuant to section 21a-408i, as amended by  
3771 this act, may [, beginning on October 1, 2024,] manufacture infused  
3772 beverages in this state that are intended to be sold or offered for sale in  
3773 this state if such cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage  
3774 manufacturer, product manufacturer or producer submits to the  
3775 Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed  
3776 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, a written request to  
3777 manufacture such infused beverages, and the commissioner approves  
3778 such written request.

3779 (2) A cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer,  
3780 product manufacturer or producer that receives approval from the  
3781 Commissioner of Consumer Protection under subdivision (1) of this  
3782 subsection shall be subject to all provisions of this section, and all  
3783 regulations, policies and procedures adopted or issued pursuant to  
3784 subsection (k) of this section, applicable to infused beverage  
3785 manufacturers, except no such cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and  
3786 beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer or producer shall be  
3787 subject to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

3788 (d) (1) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage  
3789 manufacturer shall obtain any hemp product for the purpose of  
3790 manufacturing any infused beverage that is intended to be sold or  
3791 offered for sale in this state unless such hemp product is in the form of

3792 hemp oil, and no such infused beverage manufacturer shall use any  
3793 hemp product other than hemp oil to manufacture any such infused  
3794 beverage.

3795 (2) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage  
3796 manufacturer shall obtain any hemp oil for the purpose of  
3797 manufacturing any infused beverage that is intended to be sold or  
3798 offered for sale in this state unless such hemp oil:

3799 (A) Is derived from hemp;

3800 (B) (i) Was extracted from hemp grown by (I) a hemp producer, as  
3801 evidenced by a certificate of authenticity issued by the hemp producer,  
3802 or (II) a licensed hemp grower regulated by a state, territory or federally  
3803 recognized Indian tribe, and in accordance with a state or tribal plan  
3804 approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, as evidenced  
3805 by a certificate of authenticity issued by such licensed hemp grower, or  
3806 (ii) was extracted (I) by a person who is actively credentialed by a state  
3807 or federally recognized Indian tribe to extract hemp, and (II) in a facility  
3808 that is credentialed by a state or federally recognized Indian tribe; and

3809 (C) Was extracted from hemp by using (i) a Class 3 residual solvent  
3810 within the meaning of the most recent United States Pharmacopeia,  
3811 Chapter 467, as amended from time to time, (ii) a solvent generally  
3812 recognized as safe pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic  
3813 Act, or (iii) a solvent approved by the Department of Consumer  
3814 Protection and posted on the department's Internet web site.

3815 (3) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, each] Each infused beverage  
3816 manufacturer that manufactures any infused beverage that is intended  
3817 to be sold or offered for sale in this state shall:

3818 (A) Not manufacture any such infused beverage with total THC that  
3819 exceeds [three] (i) five milligrams per container if the beverage is to be  
3820 sold or offered for sale on premises operating under a package store  
3821 permit issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this

3822 act, or an infused beverage on premises consumption endorsement  
3823 issued under section 92 of this act, or (ii) ten milligrams per container if  
3824 the beverage is to be sold or offered for sale at a dispensary facility,  
3825 hybrid retailer or retailer;

3826 (B) Manufacture such infused beverage by using equipment that is  
3827 exclusively used to manufacture an infused beverage or prepared in  
3828 accordance with good manufacturing practices as set forth in 21 CFR  
3829 Parts 110 and 111, as amended from time to time, as applicable; and

3830 (C) Ensure that all hemp oil such infused beverage manufacturer  
3831 possesses to manufacture such infused beverage is (i) stored in a secure,  
3832 locked location separate from any cannabis, (ii) clearly and  
3833 conspicuously labeled as hemp oil solely for use in manufacturing an  
3834 infused beverage, and (iii) solely used for the purpose of manufacturing  
3835 an infused beverage.

3836 (e) (1) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage that is  
3837 sold or offered for sale in this state shall include (A) any additive that (i)  
3838 is psychotropic, or (ii) could increase the potency, toxicity or addictive  
3839 properties of the infused beverage, including, but not limited to, caffeine  
3840 other than caffeine naturally occurring in chocolate, or (B) total THC that  
3841 exceeds [three] (i) five milligrams per container if the beverage is sold  
3842 or offered for sale on premises operating under a package store permit  
3843 issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, or  
3844 an infused beverage on premises consumption endorsement issued  
3845 under section 92 of this act, or (ii) ten milligrams per container if the  
3846 beverage is sold or offered for sale at a dispensary facility, hybrid  
3847 retailer or retailer.

3848 (2) (A) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, each] Each lot of an infused  
3849 beverage in final form shall be tested by a cannabis testing laboratory or  
3850 a similarly qualified laboratory that is located in, and licensed by,  
3851 another state. A statistically significant number of samples shall be  
3852 collected from such lot and submitted to the [cannabis testing]

3853 laboratory for final product testing, [in a manner approved by the  
3854 Department of Consumer Protection.] Such sampling and final product  
3855 testing shall be conducted by using a representative sample of such lot  
3856 and by collecting a minimum number of sample increments relative to  
3857 the size of such lot.

3858 (B) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage shall be  
3859 sold or offered for sale in this state unless the infused beverage meets (i)  
3860 the laboratory testing standards for cannabis established in, and any  
3861 regulations, policies and procedures adopted or issued pursuant to,  
3862 section 21a-421j, as amended by this act, or (ii) such other testing  
3863 standards as may be approved by the Department of Consumer  
3864 Protection and posted on the department's Internet web site.

3865 (3) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage sold or  
3866 offered for sale in this state shall be packaged, labeled or advertised in  
3867 any manner that is likely to mislead an individual by incorporating any  
3868 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other  
3869 depiction that:

3870 (A) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or characteristic  
3871 packaging of (i) cannabis offered for sale (I) in this state by a cannabis  
3872 establishment licensed in this state, or (II) on tribal land by a tribal-  
3873 credentialed cannabis entity, or (ii) a commercially available product  
3874 other than a cannabis product; or

3875 (B) Appeals to individuals who are younger than twenty-one years of  
3876 age by, among other things, (i) making use of any spokesperson or  
3877 celebrity who appeals to such individuals, (ii) depicting any individual  
3878 who is younger than twenty-five years of age consuming cannabis or an  
3879 infused beverage, (iii) including any object, such as a toy, character or  
3880 cartoon character, which suggests the presence of any individual who is  
3881 younger than twenty-one years of age, or (iv) making use of any other  
3882 method that is designed to appeal to any individual who is younger  
3883 than twenty-one years of age.

3884 (4) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, each] Each infused beverage  
3885 container sold or offered for sale in this state shall prominently display  
3886 a symbol [, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch and  
3887 in a format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
3888 that indicates that such infused beverage is not legal or safe for  
3889 individuals younger than twenty-one years of age] that satisfies ASTM  
3890 International standard D8441.

3891 (f) (1) No infused beverage manufacturer shall sell an infused  
3892 beverage to any person in this state other than (A) a dispensary facility,  
3893 (B) a hybrid retailer, (C) a retailer, (D) the holder of a wholesaler permit  
3894 or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under section 30-17, or (E) an  
3895 infused beverage wholesaler.

3896 (2) A dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer, before selling an  
3897 infused beverage to a consumer in this state, a wholesaler permittee  
3898 under section 30-17, before selling an infused beverage to a package  
3899 store permittee under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this  
3900 act, or a restaurant or cafe liquor permittee with an infused beverage on  
3901 premises consumption endorsement under section 92 of this act, or an  
3902 infused beverage wholesaler, before selling an infused beverage to a  
3903 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer, [or] a package store  
3904 permittee under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this act,  
3905 or a restaurant or cafe liquor permittee with an infused beverage on  
3906 premises consumption endorsement under section 92 of this act, shall,  
3907 based on a representative sample of the infused beverage containers  
3908 included in the shipment that includes such infused beverage, (A) verify  
3909 that the infused beverages included in such shipment satisfy the  
3910 requirements established in subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this  
3911 section and any regulations adopted, and policies and procedures  
3912 issued, pursuant to subsection (k) of this section, and (B) for the purpose  
3913 of preserving public health and safety, verify that the infused beverages  
3914 included in such shipment were manufactured in accordance with  
3915 requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements  
3916 established in subsections (d) and (e) of this section and any regulations

3917 adopted, and policies and procedures issued, pursuant to subsection (k)  
3918 of this section if such infused beverages were manufactured (i) in a  
3919 facility located in, and regulated by, another state, and (ii) by a person  
3920 who is regulated as a food or nonalcoholic beverage manufacturer.

3921 (g) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No cannabis establishment or  
3922 infused beverage manufacturer, or agent or employee of a cannabis  
3923 establishment or infused beverage manufacturer, shall gift or transfer  
3924 any infused beverage to a consumer, at no cost to the consumer, as part  
3925 of a commercial transaction.

3926 (h) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, the] The Commissioner of  
3927 Consumer Protection may request that an infused beverage  
3928 manufacturer submit to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a  
3929 form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, documentation  
3930 sufficient to demonstrate that the infused beverage manufacturer is in  
3931 compliance with the provisions of this section. The infused beverage  
3932 manufacturer shall promptly provide such documentation to the  
3933 department.

3934 (i) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, each] Each infused beverage  
3935 manufacturer shall be subject to the investigation and enforcement  
3936 provisions set forth in section 21a-421p.

3937 (j) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, if] If the Commissioner of  
3938 Consumer Protection determines, after consulting with the Attorney  
3939 General, that the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, P.L. 115-334, as  
3940 amended from time to time, has been amended in a manner that  
3941 conflicts with any provision of this section, the commissioner shall  
3942 prepare and submit a report, in coordination with the Attorney General  
3943 and in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint  
3944 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
3945 matters relating to consumer protection. Such report shall, at a  
3946 minimum, set forth the scope of such conflict and recommendations to  
3947 resolve such conflict. The commissioner shall submit such report: (1)

3948 Not later than thirty days after the United States Department of  
3949 Agriculture announces such amendment, if the General Assembly is in  
3950 session; or (2) not later than sixty days after the United States  
3951 Department of Agriculture announces such amendment, if the General  
3952 Assembly is not in session.

3953 (k) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
3954 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
3955 implement the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the  
3956 requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, the commissioner  
3957 shall, prior to adopting such regulations and in order to effectuate the  
3958 provisions of this section, issue policies and procedures to implement  
3959 the provisions of this section that shall have the force and effect of law.  
3960 The commissioner shall post all policies and procedures on the  
3961 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site, and submit  
3962 such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on  
3963 the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date  
3964 of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer  
3965 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or  
3966 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight  
3967 months from July 1, 2024, if such regulations have not been submitted  
3968 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under  
3969 section 4-170.

3970 (l) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, and following] Following a hearing  
3971 conducted in accordance with chapter 54, the Commissioner of  
3972 Consumer Protection may impose an administrative civil penalty, not  
3973 to exceed five thousand dollars per violation, and suspend, revoke or  
3974 place conditions upon any infused beverage manufacturer that violates  
3975 any provision of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to  
3976 subsection (k) of this section. All administrative civil penalties collected  
3977 under this subsection shall be deposited in the consumer protection  
3978 enforcement account established in section 21a-8a.

3979 (m) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, the] The Commissioner of

3980 Consumer Protection may, pursuant to section 4-182, summarily  
3981 suspend any credential the commissioner or Department of Consumer  
3982 Protection has issued to any person who violates any provision of this  
3983 section.

3984 (n) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an  
3985 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-  
3986 110b.

3987 Sec. 83. Section 21a-425b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3988 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3989 (a) (1) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage shall  
3990 be sold, offered for sale or distributed in this state unless:

3991 (A) The infused beverage is sold or offered for sale (i) on premises  
3992 operating under (I) a package store permit issued pursuant to  
3993 subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, or (II) an infused  
3994 beverage on premises consumption endorsement issued pursuant to  
3995 section 92 of this act, or (ii) at a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or  
3996 retailer;

3997 (B) If the infused beverage is sold at a dispensary facility, hybrid  
3998 retailer or retailer, the infused beverage is stored and displayed  
3999 separately from any cannabis, in the same manner provided for  
4000 manufacturer hemp products, in accordance with section 21a-409, as  
4001 amended by this act, 21a-420s or 21a-420r, as amended by this act,  
4002 respectively; and

4003 (C) The infused beverage meets the standards set forth for  
4004 manufacturer hemp products in subsections (v) and (x) of section 22-  
4005 61m.

4006 (2) [Beginning on July 1, 2024, no] No infused beverage shall be sold,  
4007 or offered for sale, at retail to any individual in this state by way of any  
4008 indirect means, including, but not limited to, by way of mail or any

4009 telephonic or other electronic means.

4010 (b) No infused beverage shall be sold to any individual who is  
4011 younger than twenty-one years of age. No owner, agent or employee of  
4012 a package store permitted under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as  
4013 amended by this act, of a restaurant or cafe liquor permittee with an  
4014 infused beverage on premises consumption endorsement issued under  
4015 section 92 of this act or of a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer,  
4016 shall sell any infused beverage to an individual without first verifying  
4017 the individual's age with a valid government-issued driver's license or  
4018 identity card to establish that such individual is twenty-one years of age  
4019 or older.

4020 (c) [Beginning on October 1, 2024, no] No person shall sell, or offer  
4021 for sale, any infused beverage in any container containing less than  
4022 twelve fluid ounces, or any packaging comprised of more than four  
4023 containers.

4024 [(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c),  
4025 inclusive, of this section, a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or  
4026 package store that has received a waiver from the Commissioner of  
4027 Consumer Protection under section 21a-425d may, during the period  
4028 beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2024, sell legacy  
4029 infused beverages in accordance with such waiver and the requirements  
4030 set forth in section 21a-425d.]

4031 [(e)] (d) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be  
4032 deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of  
4033 section 42-110b.

4034 Sec. 84. Subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of section 21a-425e of the 2026  
4035 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
4036 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4037 (d) An infused beverage wholesaler shall only sell infused beverages  
4038 to holders of package store permits issued under subsection (b) of

4039 section 30-20, as amended by this act, to holders of restaurant or cafe  
4040 liquor permits with an infused beverage on premises consumption  
4041 endorsement issued under section 92 of this act and to retailers, hybrid  
4042 retailers and dispensary facilities.

4043 (e) An infused beverage wholesaler shall ensure that any infused  
4044 beverage offered or sold by the infused beverage wholesaler shall not  
4045 appeal to any person who is younger than twenty-one years of age,  
4046 including, but not limited to, by virtue of the name or appearance of  
4047 such infused beverage, or make any health claim.

4048 (f) Each infused beverage wholesaler shall assess a fee of one dollar  
4049 on each infused beverage container sold to the holder of a package store  
4050 permit issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this  
4051 act, to a holder of a restaurant or cafe liquor permit with an infused  
4052 beverage on premises consumption endorsement issued under section  
4053 92 of this act or to a retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility. Such  
4054 fee shall not be subject to any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to  
4055 any provision of the general statutes. [Beginning on October 1, 2025, and  
4056 every six months thereafter] On the first days of October and April, each  
4057 infused beverage wholesaler shall remit payment to the Department of  
4058 Consumer Protection for each infused beverage container sold during  
4059 the preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department  
4060 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer  
4061 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a for the  
4062 purposes of (1) protecting public health and safety, (2) educating  
4063 consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring compliance with cannabis  
4064 and liquor control laws.

4065 Sec. 85. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 21a-425f of the 2026  
4066 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
4067 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4068 (a) [On and after January 1, 2026, no] No person shall manufacture a  
4069 high-THC beverage in this state unless such person is an infused

4070 beverage manufacturer that has received a high-THC beverage  
4071 endorsement issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
4072 pursuant to this section. A high-THC beverage endorsement shall  
4073 authorize the infused beverage manufacturer to manufacture high-THC  
4074 beverages for sale exclusively outside of this state. No infused beverage  
4075 manufacturer shall advertise, offer or sell any high-THC beverage in this  
4076 state or offer or sell any high-THC beverage directly to any individual.  
4077 An infused beverage manufacturer shall verify that purchasers of high-  
4078 THC beverages intend to engage in the commercial resale of such  
4079 beverages exclusively outside of this state.

4080 (b) [Beginning on January 1, 2026, an] An infused beverage  
4081 manufacturer seeking a high-THC beverage endorsement under this  
4082 section shall submit an application to the Department of Consumer  
4083 Protection in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
4084 Consumer Protection.

4085 Sec. 86. Subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 21a-426 of the 2026  
4086 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
4087 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4088 (7) "Moderate-THC hemp product" (A) means a manufacturer hemp  
4089 product that has a total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended  
4090 by this act, concentration of not less than one-half of one milligram, and  
4091 not more than five milligrams, on a per-container basis, and (B) does not  
4092 include [(i)] an infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425, as  
4093 amended by this act; [, or (ii) a legacy infused beverage, as defined in  
4094 section 21a-425;] and

4095 Sec. 87. Section 22-61l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4096 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4097 (a) For the purpose of this section and section 22-61m, as amended by  
4098 this act, the following terms have the same meaning as provided in 7  
4099 CFR 990.1, as amended from time to time: "Acceptable hemp THC level",  
4100 "Agricultural marketing service", "Audit", "Cannabis", "Conviction",

4101 "Corrective action plan", "Culpable mental state greater than  
4102 negligence", "Decarboxylated", "Decarboxylation", "Disposal", "Dry  
4103 weight basis", "Gas chromatography", "Geospatial location", "Handle",  
4104 "Liquid chromatography", "Immature plants", "Information sharing  
4105 system", "Measurement of uncertainty", "Negligence",  
4106 "Phytocannabinoid", "Postdecarboxylation", "Remediation", "Reverse  
4107 distributor" and "Total THC". In addition, for the purpose of this section,  
4108 [and] section 22-61m, as amended by this act, and section 88 of this act:

4109 (1) "Cannabidiol" or "CBD" means the nonpsychotropic compound by  
4110 the same name;

4111 (2) "Cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240,  
4112 as amended by this act;

4113 [(2)] (3) "Certificate of analysis" means a certificate from a laboratory  
4114 describing the results of the laboratory's testing of a sample;

4115 [(3)] (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture, or  
4116 the commissioner's designated agent;

4117 (5) "Commercial extract" means an oil or concentrate that (A) is  
4118 extracted directly and exclusively from raw hemp plant material, (B)  
4119 contains a total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this  
4120 act, concentration of more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, and  
4121 (C) is extracted by (i) adding heat, (ii) decarboxylation, (iii) adding (I) a  
4122 Class 3 organic solvent within the meaning of the most recent United  
4123 States Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467, as amended from time to time, or (II)  
4124 another solvent approved by the Commissioner of Consumer  
4125 Protection, (iv) ethanol extraction, (v) carbon dioxide extraction, (vi) a  
4126 solventless extraction method, including, but not limited to, the use of  
4127 ice water, rosin pressing, dry sifting or steam distillation, or (vii) an  
4128 extraction process not set forth in subparagraphs (C)(i) to (C)(vi),  
4129 inclusive, of this subdivision, provided such extraction process has been  
4130 approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection;

4131       (6) "Commercial extractor" means a person licensed or authorized  
4132 pursuant to section 88 of this act to manufacture, advertise, offer and  
4133 sell commercial extracts to infused beverage manufacturers, as defined  
4134 in section 21a-425, as amended by this act, and manufacturers,  
4135 producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, food and beverage  
4136 manufacturers and product manufacturers, as such terms are defined in  
4137 section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

4138       [(4)] (7) "Cultivate" means to plant, grow, harvest, handle and store a  
4139 plant or crop;

4140       [(5)] (8) "Federal act" means the United States Agricultural Marketing  
4141 Act of 1946, 7 USC 1639o et seq., as amended from time to time;

4142       [(6)] (9) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

4143       [(7)] (10) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in the federal  
4144 act;

4145       [(8)] (11) "Hemp products" means all manufacturer hemp products  
4146 and producer hemp products;

4147       [(9)] (12) "Independent testing laboratory" means a facility:

4148       (A) For which no person who has any direct or indirect financial or  
4149 managerial interest in the laboratory and also has any direct or indirect  
4150 interest in a facility that:

4151       (i) Produces, distributes, manufactures or sells hemp or hemp  
4152 products, or [marijuana] cannabis in any state or territory of the United  
4153 States; or

4154       (ii) Cultivates, processes, distributes, dispenses or sells [marijuana]  
4155 cannabis; and

4156       (B) That is accredited as a laboratory in compliance with section 21a-  
4157 408-59 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies;

4158        [(10)] (13) "Laboratory" means a laboratory that meets the  
4159 requirements of 7 CFR 990.3 and that is accredited as a testing laboratory  
4160 to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-  
4161 party accrediting body such as the American Association for Laboratory  
4162 Accreditation or the Assured Calibration and Laboratory Accreditation  
4163 Select Services;

4164        [(11)] (14) "Law enforcement agency" means the Connecticut State  
4165 Police, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the  
4166 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Consumer Protection  
4167 Drug Control Division or any other federal, state or local law  
4168 enforcement agency or drug suppression unit;

4169        [(12)] (15) "Licensee" means an individual or entity that possesses a  
4170 license to produce or manufacture hemp or hemp products in this state;

4171        [(13)] (16) "Manufacture" means the conversion of the hemp plant into  
4172 a by-product or an extract by means of (A) adding heat, [solvents or] (B)  
4173 decarboxylation, (C) adding (i) a Class 3 organic solvent within the  
4174 meaning of the most recent United States Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467,  
4175 as amended from time to time, or (ii) another solvent approved by the  
4176 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, (D) ethanol extraction, (E)  
4177 carbon dioxide extraction, (F) a solventless extraction method,  
4178 including, but not limited to, the use of ice water, rosin pressing, dry  
4179 sifting or steam distillation, or (G) any method of extraction that  
4180 modifies the original composition of the plant for the purpose of  
4181 creating a manufacturer hemp product for commercial or research  
4182 purposes;

4183        [(14)] (17) "Manufacturer" means a person in the state licensed by the  
4184 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to manufacture, handle, store  
4185 and market manufacturer hemp products pursuant to the provisions of  
4186 section 22-61m, as amended by this act, and any regulation adopted  
4187 pursuant to section 22-61m, as amended by this act;

4188        [(15)] "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-

4189 240;]

4190 [(16)] (18) "Market" or "marketing" means promoting, distributing or  
4191 selling a hemp product within the state, in another state or outside of  
4192 the United States and includes efforts to advertise and gather  
4193 information about the needs or preferences of potential consumers or  
4194 suppliers;

4195 [(17)] (19) "On-site manager" means the individual designated by the  
4196 producer license applicant or producer responsible for on-site  
4197 management and operations of a licensed producer;

4198 [(18)] (20) "Pesticide" has the same meaning as "pesticide chemical" as  
4199 provided in section 21a-92;

4200 [(19)] (21) "Lot" means a contiguous area in a field, greenhouse or  
4201 indoor growing structure containing the same variety or strain of hemp  
4202 throughout the area;

4203 [(20)] (22) "Post-harvest sample" means a representative sample of the  
4204 form of hemp taken from the harvested hemp from a particular lot's  
4205 harvest that is collected in accordance with the procedures established  
4206 by the commissioner;

4207 [(21)] (23) "Pre-harvest sample" means a composite, representative  
4208 portion from plants in a hemp lot, that is collected in accordance with  
4209 the procedures established by the commissioner;

4210 [(22)] (24) "Produce" means to cultivate hemp or create any producer  
4211 hemp product;

4212 [(23)] (25) "State plan" means a state plan, as described in the federal  
4213 act and as authorized pursuant to this section;

4214 [(24)] (26) "THC" means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol;

4215 [(25)] (27) "Controlled Substances Act" or "CSA" means the

4216 Controlled Substances Act as codified in 21 USC 801 et seq.;

4217 [(26)] (28) "Criminal history report" means the fingerprint-based state  
4218 and national criminal history record information obtained in accordance  
4219 with section 29-17a;

4220 [(27)] (29) "Drug Enforcement Administration" or "DEA" means the  
4221 United States Drug Enforcement Administration;

4222 [(28)] (30) "Farm service agency" or "FSA" means an agency of the  
4223 United States Department of Agriculture;

4224 [(29)] (31) "Key participant" means a sole proprietor, a partner in  
4225 partnership or a person with executive managerial control in an entity,  
4226 including persons such as a chief executive officer, chief operating  
4227 officer and chief financial officer;

4228 [(30)] (32) "Manufacturer hemp product" (A) means a commodity  
4229 manufactured from the hemp plant, for commercial or research  
4230 purposes, that (i) is intended for human ingestion, inhalation,  
4231 absorption or other internal consumption, [that] and (ii) contains a THC  
4232 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per  
4233 volume or weight of such manufacturer hemp product, and (B) does not  
4234 include an infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425, as amended  
4235 by this act;

4236 [(31)] (33) "Producer" means an individual or entity licensed by the  
4237 commissioner to produce and market producer hemp products  
4238 pursuant to the federal act, the state plan, the provisions of this section  
4239 and the regulations adopted pursuant to this section;

4240 [(32)] (34) "Producer hemp product" means any of the following  
4241 produced in this state: Raw hemp product, fiber-based hemp product or  
4242 animal hemp food product, and each of which contains a THC  
4243 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per  
4244 volume or weight of such producer hemp product;

4245 [(33)] (35) "USDA" means the United States Department of  
4246 Agriculture;

4247 [(34)] (36) "Entity" means a corporation, joint stock company,  
4248 association, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited  
4249 liability company, irrevocable trust, estate, charitable organization or  
4250 other similar organization, including any such organization  
4251 participating in the hemp production as a partner in a general  
4252 partnership, a participant in a joint venture or a participant in a similar  
4253 organization; and

4254 [(35)] (37) "Homogenize" means to blend hemp into a mixture that  
4255 has a uniform quality and content throughout such mixture.

4256 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall establish and operate an  
4257 agricultural pilot program, as defined in 7 USC 5940, as amended from  
4258 time to time, for hemp research to enable the department, and its  
4259 licensees, to study methods of producing and marketing hemp. All  
4260 producer licensees licensed pursuant to this section shall be participants  
4261 in the state agricultural pilot program for hemp research. Until such  
4262 time as said commissioner adopts regulations, in accordance with the  
4263 provisions of chapter 54, the Department of Agriculture shall utilize  
4264 procedures and guidance policies that the commissioner deems to be  
4265 consistent with the provisions of 7 USC 5940, as amended from time to  
4266 time, provided such procedures and guidance policies shall, at a  
4267 minimum, require: (1) The commissioner to certify and register any site  
4268 used to grow hemp, (2) any person who produces hemp to produce  
4269 plants that meet the definition of hemp and verify such, (3) the  
4270 maintenance of records by any person who grows hemp and the  
4271 availability of inspection of such records by the commissioner, and (4)  
4272 verification of compliance with the definition of hemp by a laboratory,  
4273 at the expense of any licensee. The provisions of this section shall take  
4274 precedence over any such procedure or guidance policy. Participants in  
4275 the state agricultural pilot program for hemp research shall be licensed  
4276 in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such pilot program

4277 shall operate until the earlier of the date of a fully approved state plan  
4278 under the federal act, as described in this section, or the date of repeal  
4279 of the federal law permitting the state's agricultural pilot program for  
4280 hemp research.

4281 (c) (1) The commissioner shall prepare a state plan in accordance with  
4282 the federal act and 7 CFR 990.3, for approval by the Governor, in  
4283 consultation with the office of the Chief State's Attorney and the  
4284 Attorney General. The state plan, once approved by the Governor and  
4285 the Attorney General, shall be submitted by the commissioner to the  
4286 United States Secretary of Agriculture for such secretary's approval. The  
4287 commissioner shall have the authority to amend the state plan, in  
4288 consultation with the Governor, the Attorney General and the office of  
4289 the Chief State's Attorney, as necessary to comply with the federal act.

4290 (2) The commissioner shall operate the state plan, which shall  
4291 include, at a minimum, the following requirements:

4292 (A) The sampling of hemp shall comply, at a minimum, with 7 CFR  
4293 990.3 and be performed by an authorized sampling agent;

4294 (B) The testing of hemp shall comply, at a minimum, with 7 CFR  
4295 990.3;

4296 (C) The control, remediation and disposal of noncompliant cannabis  
4297 plants shall comply with 7 CFR 990.27 and 7 CFR 990.3;

4298 (D) The department shall comply with all recordkeeping and  
4299 reporting requirements in the federal act, and 7 CFR 990.1 to 7 CFR  
4300 990.71, inclusive;

4301 (E) The department shall comply with enforcement procedures in 7  
4302 CFR 990.6;

4303 (F) The department shall conduct annual inspections of, at a  
4304 minimum, a random sample of producers to verify that hemp is not  
4305 produced in violation of the federal act, the state plan and the provisions

4306 of this section, and shall enforce any violation as provided for in the  
4307 federal act and as defined in 7 CFR 990.6;

4308 (G) Producers shall report their required license, lot and hemp crop  
4309 acreage information to FSA, in accordance with the requirements in 7  
4310 CFR 990.7; and

4311 (H) Producers shall report to the commissioner the total acreage of  
4312 hemp planted, harvested and, if applicable, disposed of or remediated,  
4313 and such other information as the commissioner may require.

4314 (3) All sampling and testing of hemp shall be done using protocols  
4315 that are at least as statistically valid as the USDA's published protocols  
4316 for sampling and testing of hemp, which protocols shall be posted on  
4317 the department's Internet web site. During a scheduled sample  
4318 collection, the producer, or an authorized representative of the  
4319 producer, shall be present at the lot. A producer shall not harvest the  
4320 cannabis crop prior to the taking of samples. Samples of hemp plant  
4321 material from one lot shall not be commingled with hemp plant material  
4322 from other lots. Lots tested and not certified by a laboratory at or below  
4323 the acceptable hemp THC level shall be handled, remediated and  
4324 disposed of in accordance with the federal act, the provisions of this  
4325 section and the state plan, as applicable.

4326 (4) The commissioner shall collect, maintain and provide to the  
4327 USDA, on a timely basis, and not less than once per month, license status  
4328 of each hemp producer, contact information for each hemp producer  
4329 licensed in the state, including lot legal descriptions and locations, and  
4330 any changes to such information. The commissioner shall also report to  
4331 the USDA, on a timely basis, and not less than once per month, all  
4332 required hemp test results and disposal information for all  
4333 nonconforming hemp plants and plant material. Such information shall  
4334 not include state and federal fingerprint-based records pursuant to  
4335 section 29-17a.

4336 (d) The commissioner shall have the authority to enforce the federal

4337 act, as amended from time to time, the state plan, this section and any  
4338 regulations adopted in accordance with the federal act and chapter 54  
4339 for hemp production in the state. The commissioner shall have the  
4340 authority to enforce the applicable standards for producer hemp  
4341 products. The commissioner may consult, collaborate and enter into  
4342 cooperative agreements with any federal or state agency, municipality  
4343 or political subdivision of the state concerning application of the  
4344 provisions of the federal act and the regulations adopted pursuant to the  
4345 federal act, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
4346 section.

4347 (e) Any person who produces hemp shall: (1) Be licensed by the  
4348 commissioner; (2) comply with the federal act, the state plan, the  
4349 provisions of this section and any regulation adopted pursuant to this  
4350 section; and (3) transport hemp and hemp samples in a manner and with  
4351 such documentation as required by the commissioner.

4352 (f) Any person who sells hemp products shall not be required to be  
4353 licensed provided such person only engages in: (1) The retail or  
4354 wholesale sale of hemp or hemp products in which no further  
4355 producing or manufacturing of the hemp products occurs and the hemp  
4356 products are acquired from a person authorized under the laws of this  
4357 state or another state, territory or possession of the United States or  
4358 another sovereign entity to possess and sell such hemp products; (2) the  
4359 acquisition of hemp or hemp products for the sole purpose of product  
4360 distribution for resale; or (3) the retail sale of hemp products that are  
4361 otherwise authorized under federal or state law.

4362 (g) Any applicant for a license pursuant to this section shall meet each  
4363 of the following requirements, as applicable:

4364 (1) Each applicant, whether an individual or an entity, shall submit  
4365 an application for a license that consists, at a minimum, of the following:  
4366 (A) The name, telephone number, electronic mail address, business  
4367 address and address of any individual who is the applicant, the full

4368 name of any entity that is the applicant, including any applicable  
4369 principal business location and the full name, title and electronic mail  
4370 address of each key participant; (B) the name and address of each lot for  
4371 the hemp cultivation or producing location; (C) the geospatial location  
4372 of each lot by means of global positioning system coordinates and legal  
4373 description of each lot used for the hemp cultivation; (D) the acreage  
4374 size of each lot where the hemp will be cultivated; (E) written consent  
4375 allowing the commissioner to conduct both scheduled and random  
4376 inspections of and around the premises on which the hemp is to be  
4377 cultivated, harvested, stored and produced; (F) the applicant's employer  
4378 identification number or the applicant's Social Security number if an  
4379 employer identification number is not available; and (G) any other  
4380 information as may be required by the commissioner;

4381 (2) Each individual who is an applicant and each key participant of  
4382 any entity applying for a producer license, or renewal thereof, shall  
4383 submit to state and national fingerprint-based criminal history records  
4384 checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, at such individual's  
4385 own expense;

4386 (3) No individual, including any key participant of any entity, who  
4387 has been convicted of any state or federal felony, related to a controlled  
4388 substance, shall be eligible to obtain or hold a producer license for ten  
4389 years from the date of the conviction, provided such restriction shall not  
4390 apply to any individual who lawfully grew hemp with a license,  
4391 registration or authorization under any state pilot program authorized  
4392 by section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 before December 20, 2018.  
4393 Any individual or entity that materially falsifies any information in an  
4394 application pursuant to this section shall be ineligible to obtain a  
4395 producer license; and

4396 (4) Each individual or entity who is required by this section to obtain  
4397 a producer license shall pay for all costs of sampling, testing, retesting  
4398 and resampling any samples at a laboratory for the purpose of  
4399 determining the THC concentration level of any cannabis under their

4400 control, or in their possession. Each individual or entity who is required  
4401 by this section to obtain a producer license shall pay for all costs of  
4402 disposal of all noncompliant cannabis plants under their control, or in  
4403 their possession.

4404 (h) Any producer license issued by the commissioner shall expire on  
4405 the third following December thirty-first and may be renewed during  
4406 the preceding month of October. Such licenses shall not be transferable.

4407 (i) The following fees shall apply for each producer license and  
4408 inspection:

4409 (1) A nonrefundable license application fee of fifty dollars, provided  
4410 any constituent unit of higher education, state agency or department  
4411 shall be exempt from such application fee if such production is for  
4412 research purposes;

4413 (2) A nonrefundable triennial producer license fee of four hundred  
4414 fifty dollars for up to one acre of planned hemp plantings and thirty  
4415 dollars per each additional acre of planned hemp plantings rounded to  
4416 the nearest acre, except no license fee charged shall exceed three  
4417 thousand dollars, provided any constituent unit of higher education,  
4418 state agency or department shall be exempt from such license fee if such  
4419 production is for research purposes; and

4420 (3) In the event that resampling by the commissioner is required due  
4421 to a test result that shows a violation of any provision of this section or  
4422 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section, the licensee shall pay  
4423 an inspection fee of fifty dollars. Such fee shall be paid prior to the  
4424 inspection and collection of the sample to be used for resampling.

4425 (j) After receipt and review of an application for producer licensure,  
4426 the commissioner may grant a triennial license upon a finding that the  
4427 applicant meets the applicable requirements. Each producer licensee  
4428 shall notify the commissioner of any changes to their application  
4429 information, not later than fifteen days after such change. While the

4430 pilot program is in effect, the commissioner may grant a conditional  
4431 approval of a producer license, pending receipt of the criminal history  
4432 records check required by this section. The commissioner shall assign  
4433 each producer with a license or authorization identifier in a format  
4434 consistent with 7 CFR 990.3.

4435 (k) Whenever an inspection or investigation conducted by the  
4436 commissioner pursuant to this title reveals any violation of the state  
4437 plan, this section or any regulation adopted thereunder, the producer  
4438 license applicant or respondent, as applicable, shall be notified, in  
4439 writing, of such violation and any corrective action to be taken and the  
4440 time period within which such corrective action shall be taken. Any such  
4441 producer license applicant or respondent may request a hearing,  
4442 conducted in accordance with chapter 54, on any such notification. Any  
4443 notification issued pursuant to this section shall be made by certified  
4444 mail, return receipt requested to the producer license applicant or  
4445 respondent's last known address, by in-hand service by the  
4446 commissioner or designated agent of the commissioner, electronic mail  
4447 service with the consent of the recipient, or by service in accordance  
4448 with chapter 896. The commissioner shall report all producer violations  
4449 made with a culpable mental state greater than negligence to the United  
4450 States Attorney General and the State's Attorney for the judicial district  
4451 in which the producer violation occurred.

4452 (l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the  
4453 commissioner's authority to issue a cease and desist order pursuant to  
4454 section 22-4d, or an emergency order, in order to respond to a condition  
4455 that may present a public health hazard, or issue orders necessary to  
4456 effectuate the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to,  
4457 orders for the embargo, partial destruction, destruction and release of  
4458 hemp or hemp products. Any cease and desist order or an emergency  
4459 order shall become effective upon service of such order by the  
4460 commissioner. Following service of any such order, subsequent  
4461 proceedings shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of section  
4462 22-4d and the rules of practice for such agency. Any embargo, partial

4463 destruction, destruction or release order issued pursuant to this section  
4464 shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested to the  
4465 respondent's last known address, by in-hand service by the  
4466 commissioner or designated agent of the commissioner, or by service in  
4467 accordance with chapter 896.

4468 (m) Following a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter 54,  
4469 the commissioner may impose an administrative civil penalty, not to  
4470 exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per violation, and suspend,  
4471 revoke or place conditions upon any producer licensee who violates the  
4472 provisions of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this  
4473 section.

4474 (n) (1) Any individual who produces hemp in this state without  
4475 obtaining a license pursuant to this section, or who produces hemp in  
4476 this state after having a license suspended or revoked shall have  
4477 committed an infraction.

4478 (2) Any entity that produces hemp in this state without obtaining a  
4479 license pursuant to this section, produces hemp in violation of this  
4480 section or produces hemp in this state after having a license suspended  
4481 or revoked may be fined not more than two thousand five hundred  
4482 dollars per violation, after a hearing conducted in accordance with  
4483 chapter 54.

4484 (o) (1) Any negligent violation, as described in the federal act, of this  
4485 section or the state plan shall be subject to enforcement in accordance  
4486 with the federal act, and the state plan for negligent violations.

4487 (2) For any negligent violation, a producer shall be required to correct  
4488 such negligent violation, by means of a corrective action plan approved  
4489 by the commissioner. Each corrective action plan shall include, at a  
4490 minimum, a reasonable completion deadline for correction of the  
4491 negligent violation, periodic reporting to the commissioner for at least  
4492 two years and compliance with the state plan.

4493 (3) Any producer that negligently violates the state plan shall not, as  
4494 a result of such negligent violation, be referred by the commissioner for  
4495 any criminal enforcement action by the federal, state or local  
4496 government.

4497 (4) Any producer that negligently violates the state plan three times  
4498 during any five-year period shall be ineligible to produce hemp for a  
4499 period of five years beginning on the date of the third violation.

4500 (5) The commissioner shall conduct an inspection to determine if the  
4501 corrective action plan for a producer who commits any such negligent  
4502 violation was properly implemented.

4503 (p) Any person aggrieved by an order issued pursuant to this section  
4504 may appeal to the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of  
4505 chapter 54. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the commissioner  
4506 and received not later than fifteen days after the date of the order. If no  
4507 appeal is made pursuant to this subsection the order shall be final.

4508 (q) (1) All documents submitted under this section shall be subject to  
4509 disclosure in accordance with chapter 14, except: (A) Information  
4510 depicting or describing (i) the test results of any producer, (ii) the  
4511 location of any hemp growing, harvesting, processing or storage  
4512 location, or (iii) hemp producer location security schematics; and (B) the  
4513 results of any criminal history records check.

4514 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
4515 subsection, all documents and records submitted or maintained  
4516 pursuant to this section shall be disclosed to any law enforcement  
4517 agency upon request of such law enforcement agency.

4518 (r) The commissioner may inspect and shall have access to the  
4519 buildings, equipment, supplies, vehicles, records, real property and  
4520 other information that the commissioner deems necessary to carry out  
4521 the commissioner's duties pursuant to this section from any person  
4522 participating in producing, handling, storing, marketing or researching

4523 hemp.

4524 (s) All licensees pursuant to this section shall maintain records  
4525 required by the federal act, the state plan, this section and any regulation  
4526 adopted pursuant to this section. Each licensee shall make such records  
4527 available to the department immediately upon request of the  
4528 commissioner and in electronic format, if available.

4529 (t) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
4530 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section  
4531 including, but not limited to, the labeling of producer hemp products.

4532 (u) Whenever the commissioner believes or has reasonable cause to  
4533 believe that the actions of a licensee or any employee of a producer  
4534 licensee are in violation of the federal act, the state plan, or any state law  
4535 concerning the growing, cultivation, handling, transporting or  
4536 possession of [marijuana] cannabis, the commissioner shall notify the  
4537 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the  
4538 Division of State Police.

4539 Sec. 88. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

4540 (1) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in  
4541 section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

4542 (2) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420  
4543 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

4544 (3) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as  
4545 provided in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this  
4546 act;

4547 (4) "Infused beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as  
4548 provided in section 21a-425 of the general statutes, as amended by this  
4549 act;

4550 (5) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section

4551 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

4552 (6) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420  
4553 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

4554 (7) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in  
4555 section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

4556 (b) No person shall manufacture, advertise, offer or sell commercial  
4557 extract in this state unless such person is (1) a cannabis establishment,  
4558 or (2) located in this state and the Department of Consumer Protection  
4559 has issued a commercial extractor license to such person pursuant to this  
4560 section.

4561 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection may issue or renew not  
4562 more than ten licenses for a person to be a commercial extractor. Each  
4563 commercial extractor license issued pursuant to this section shall be  
4564 issued to a manufacturer who held an active manufacturer license on  
4565 July 1, 2026, and maintains an active manufacturer license until the date  
4566 on which the department issues a commercial extractor license to such  
4567 manufacturer pursuant to this section. Each commercial extractor  
4568 license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize the holder of such  
4569 license to manufacture, advertise, offer and sell commercial extract in  
4570 this state to producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product  
4571 manufacturers, food and beverage manufacturers, manufacturers and  
4572 infused beverage manufacturers. The department shall not issue a  
4573 commercial extractor license to a cannabis establishment or infused  
4574 beverage manufacturer, and no holder of a commercial extractor license  
4575 shall hold a cannabis establishment, manufacturer or infused beverage  
4576 manufacturer license. Any manufacturer who receives a commercial  
4577 extractor license shall be deemed to have immediately surrendered such  
4578 manufacturer license upon issuance of such commercial extractor  
4579 license.

4580 (d) (1) To obtain an initial license as a commercial extractor under this  
4581 section, an applicant manufacturer shall submit to the Department of

4582 Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
4583 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, (A) a completed application for  
4584 an initial license as a commercial extractor, and (B) an initial license fee  
4585 in the amount of three hundred seventy-five dollars.

4586 (2) Each initial license as a commercial extractor issued pursuant to  
4587 this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of  
4588 issuance, and may be renewed for successive one-year periods upon  
4589 submission of a completed renewal application in the manner, and  
4590 payment of a license renewal fee in the amount, set forth in subdivision  
4591 (1) of this subsection for an initial license.

4592 (3) All license and renewal fees collected pursuant to this subsection  
4593 shall be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account  
4594 established in section 21a-8a of the general statutes for the purposes of  
4595 (A) protecting public health, (B) educating consumers and licensees, and  
4596 (C) ensuring compliance with hemp and cannabis laws.

4597 (e) Each commercial extractor shall use an approved electronic  
4598 tracking system, as described in section 21a-421n of the general statutes,  
4599 as amended by this act, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
4600 Commissioner of Consumer Protection for the purpose of monitoring  
4601 (1) the intake of hemp in plant form, (2) the extraction and refinement  
4602 of commercial extract, (3) the laboratory testing of commercial extract,  
4603 (4) the transportation and handling of commercial extract, and (5) the  
4604 sale or final disposition of commercial extract.

4605 (f) Prior to the sale or distribution of commercial extract, a  
4606 commercial extractor shall comply with the laboratory testing  
4607 requirements set forth in section 22-61m of the general statutes, as  
4608 amended by this act.

4609 (g) (1) No cannabis establishment or commercial extractor licensed  
4610 under this section shall manufacture or process commercial extract that  
4611 contains any concentrate, oil or extract from hemp that was not  
4612 manufactured by the commercial extractor.

4613 (2) A commercial extractor may combine one or more commercial  
4614 extracts, provided such commercial extracts were manufactured by such  
4615 commercial extractor.

4616 (h) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, product  
4617 manufacturer, food and beverage manufacturer, manufacturer or  
4618 infused beverage manufacturer that receives commercial extract from a  
4619 commercial extractor shall not further distribute such commercial  
4620 extract, and shall incorporate such commercial extract into a hemp or  
4621 cannabis product for the purpose of resale, which product shall comply  
4622 with all total THC concentration limits.

4623 Sec. 89. Subsection (r) of section 22-61m of the 2026 supplement to the  
4624 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
4625 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4626 (r) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
4627 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
4628 implement the provisions of this section including, but not limited to,  
4629 establishing sampling and testing procedures to ensure compliance  
4630 with this section, prescribing storage and disposal procedures for hemp,  
4631 [marijuana] cannabis and manufacturer hemp products that fail to pass  
4632 Department of Consumer Protection prescribed independent testing  
4633 laboratory testing standards and establishing advertising and labeling  
4634 requirements for manufacturer hemp products.

4635 Sec. 90. Section 22-61n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4636 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4637 (a) As used in this section:

4638 (1) "Cannabis product" has the same meaning as provided in section  
4639 21a-420, as amended by this act;

4640 [(1)] (2) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
4641 420, as amended by this act;

4642 (3) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as  
4643 provided in section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

4644 [(2)] (4) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l,  
4645 as amended by this act;

4646 [(3)] (5) "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in  
4647 section 22-61l, as amended by this act;

4648 (6) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
4649 21a-425, as amended by this act;

4650 (7) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-  
4651 61l, as amended by this act;

4652 [(4)] (8) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in  
4653 section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

4654 [(5)] (9) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
4655 420, as amended by this act; and

4656 [(6)] (10) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided  
4657 in section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

4658 (b) Any producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage  
4659 manufacturer and product manufacturer may manufacture, market,  
4660 cultivate or store hemp, [and] hemp products and commercial extracts  
4661 from licensees in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any  
4662 regulations adopted pursuant to [said] this chapter. A producer,  
4663 cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer and  
4664 product manufacturer [that obtains] may obtain hemp, [and] hemp  
4665 products or commercial extracts from a third party, and shall only  
4666 obtain such hemp, [and] hemp products or commercial extracts from a  
4667 person authorized under the laws of this state or another state, territory  
4668 or possession of the United States or another sovereign entity to possess  
4669 and sell such hemp, [and] hemp products and commercial extracts. An  
4670 infused beverage manufacturer or manufacturer may obtain

4671 commercial extracts only from a person authorized under the laws of  
4672 this state to produce or manufacture hemp products.

4673 (c) Hemp, [or] hemp products and commercial extracts purchased by  
4674 a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage  
4675 manufacturer or product manufacturer [or food and beverage  
4676 manufacturer] from a third party shall be tracked as a separate batch  
4677 throughout the manufacturing process in order to document the  
4678 disposition of such hemp, [or] hemp products and commercial extracts.  
4679 Once hemp, [or] hemp products and commercial extracts are received  
4680 by a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage  
4681 manufacturer or product manufacturer [or food and beverage  
4682 manufacturer] to manufacture a cannabis product, such hemp, [or]  
4683 hemp products and commercial extracts shall be deemed cannabis and  
4684 shall comply with the requirements for cannabis contained in the  
4685 applicable provisions of the general statutes and any regulations  
4686 adopted pursuant to such provisions. A producer, cultivator, micro-  
4687 cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer,  
4688 [and food and beverage manufacturer] manufacturer or infused  
4689 beverage manufacturer shall retain a copy of the certificate of analysis  
4690 for purchased hemp or hemp products and invoice and transport  
4691 documents that evidence the quantity purchased and date received. A  
4692 producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer,  
4693 product manufacturer, manufacturer or infused beverage manufacturer  
4694 shall obtain from an independent testing laboratory, and retain, a  
4695 certificate of analysis for commercial extracts that complies with the  
4696 laboratory testing standards established in the policies, procedures and  
4697 regulations adopted pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this  
4698 act, and invoice and transport documents that evidence the quantity  
4699 purchased and date received.

4700 Sec. 91. Section 30-1 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is  
4701 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
4702 *1, 2026*):

4703 For the purposes of this chapter and section 92 of this act, unless the  
4704 context indicates a different meaning:

4705 (1) "Airline" means any (A) United States airline carrier holding a  
4706 certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Civil  
4707 Aeronautics Board under Section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of  
4708 1958, as amended from time to time, or (B) foreign flag carrier holding a  
4709 permit under Section 402 of said act.

4710 (2) "Alcohol" (A) means the product of distillation of any fermented  
4711 liquid that is rectified at least once and regardless of such liquid's origin,  
4712 and (B) includes synthetic ethyl alcohol which is considered nonpotable.

4713 (3) "Alcoholic beverage" and "alcoholic liquor" include the four  
4714 varieties of liquor defined in subdivisions (2), (5), ~~[(21)]~~ (22) and ~~[(22)]~~  
4715 (23) of this section (alcohol, beer, spirits and wine) and every liquid or  
4716 solid, patented or unpatented, containing alcohol, beer, spirits or wine  
4717 and at least one-half of one per cent alcohol by volume, and capable of  
4718 being consumed by a human being as a beverage. Any liquid or solid  
4719 containing more than one of the four varieties so defined belongs to the  
4720 variety which has the highest percentage of alcohol according to the  
4721 following order: Alcohol, spirits, wine and beer, except as provided in  
4722 subdivision ~~[(22)]~~ (23) of this section.

4723 (4) "Backer" means, except in cases where the permittee is the  
4724 proprietor, the proprietor of any business or club, incorporated or  
4725 unincorporated, that is engaged in manufacturing or selling alcoholic  
4726 liquor and in which business a permittee is associated, whether as an  
4727 agent, employee or part owner.

4728 (5) "Beer" means any beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation  
4729 of a decoction or infusion of barley, hops and malt in drinking water.

4730 (6) "Boat" means any vessel that is (A) operating on any waterway of  
4731 this state, and (B) engaged in transporting passengers for hire to or from  
4732 any port of this state.

4733 (7) "Business entity" means any incorporated or unincorporated  
4734 association, corporation, firm, joint stock company, limited liability  
4735 company, limited liability partnership, partnership, trust or other legal  
4736 entity.

4737 (8) "Case price" means the price of a container made of cardboard,  
4738 wood or any other material and containing units of the same class and  
4739 size of alcoholic liquor. A case of alcoholic liquor, other than beer,  
4740 cocktails, cordials, prepared mixed drinks and wines, shall be in the  
4741 quantity and number, or fewer, with the permission of the  
4742 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of bottles or units as follows:  
4743 (A) Six three thousand seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles, (B) six three  
4744 thousand milliliter bottles, (C) six two thousand milliliter bottles, (D) six  
4745 one thousand eight hundred milliliter bottles, (E) six one thousand  
4746 seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles, (F) six one thousand five hundred  
4747 milliliter bottles, (G) six nine hundred forty-five milliliter bottles, (H)  
4748 twelve one liter bottles, (I) twelve nine hundred milliliter bottles, (J)  
4749 twelve seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles, (K) twelve seven hundred  
4750 twenty milliliter bottles, (L) twelve seven hundred ten milliliter bottles,  
4751 (M) twelve seven hundred milliliter bottles, (N) twelve five hundred  
4752 seventy milliliter bottles, (O) twelve five hundred milliliter bottles, (P)  
4753 twelve four hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles, (Q) twenty-four  
4754 three hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles, (R) twenty-four three  
4755 hundred fifty-five milliliter bottles, (S) twenty-four three hundred fifty  
4756 milliliter bottles, (T) twenty-four three hundred thirty-one milliliter  
4757 bottles, (U) forty-eight two hundred fifty milliliter bottles, (V) forty-  
4758 eight two hundred milliliter bottles, (W) forty-eight one hundred eighty-  
4759 seven milliliter bottles, (X) sixty one hundred milliliter bottles, or (Y) one  
4760 hundred twenty fifty milliliter bottles, except a case of fifty milliliter  
4761 bottles may be in a quantity and number as originally configured,  
4762 packaged and sold by the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper prior to  
4763 shipment if the number of such bottles in such case is not greater than  
4764 two hundred. The commissioner shall not authorize fewer quantities or  
4765 numbers of bottles or units as specified in this subdivision for any one

4766 person or entity more than eight times in any calendar year. For the  
4767 purposes of this subdivision, "class" has the same meaning as provided  
4768 in 27 CFR 4.21 for wine, 27 CFR 5.22 for spirits and 27 CFR 7.24 for beer.

4769 (9) "Club" has the same meaning as provided in section 30-22aa.

4770 (10) "Coliseum" has the same meaning as provided in section 30-33a.

4771 (11) "Commission" means the Liquor Control Commission  
4772 established under this chapter.

4773 (12) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection.

4774 (13) "Dining room" means any room or rooms (A) located in premises  
4775 operating under (i) a hotel permit issued under section 30-21, (ii) a  
4776 restaurant permit issued under subsection (a) of section 30-22, (iii) a  
4777 restaurant permit for wine and beer issued under subsection (b) of  
4778 section 30-22, (iv) a cafe permit issued under section 30-22a, or (v) a cafe  
4779 permit for wine, beer and cider issued under section 30-22g, and (B)  
4780 where meals are customarily served to any member of the public who  
4781 has means of payment and a proper demeanor.

4782 (14) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
4783 21a-425, as amended by this act.

4784 [(14)] (15) "Mead" means fermented honey (A) with or without  
4785 additions or adjunct ingredients, and (B) regardless of (i) alcohol  
4786 content, (ii) process, and (iii) whether such honey is carbonated,  
4787 sparkling or still.

4788 [(15)] (16) "Minor" means any person who is younger than twenty-  
4789 one years of age.

4790 [(16)] (17) "Noncommercial entity" means an academic institution,  
4791 charitable organization, government organization, nonprofit  
4792 organization or similar entity that is not primarily dedicated to  
4793 obtaining a commercial advantage or monetary compensation.

4794        [(17)] (18) "Nonprofit club" has the same meaning as provided in  
4795 section 30-22aa.

4796        [(18)] (19) (A) "Person" means an individual, including, but not  
4797 limited to, a partner.

4798        (B) "Person" does not include any business entity.

4799        [(19)] (20) (A) "Proprietor" includes all owners of a business or club,  
4800 incorporated or unincorporated, that is engaged in manufacturing or  
4801 selling alcoholic liquor, whether such owners are persons, fiduciaries,  
4802 business entities, stockholders of corporations or otherwise.

4803        (B) "Proprietor" does not include any person who, or business entity  
4804 that, is merely a creditor, whether as a bond holder, franchisor, landlord  
4805 or note holder, of a business or club, incorporated or unincorporated,  
4806 that is engaged in manufacturing or selling alcoholic liquor.

4807        [(20)] (21) "Restaurant" has the same meaning as provided in section  
4808 30-22.

4809        [(21)] (22) "Spirits" means any beverage that contains alcohol  
4810 obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable water and other  
4811 substances in solution, including brandy, rum, whiskey and gin.

4812        [(22)] (23) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by  
4813 fermenting the natural sugar content of fruits, such as apples, grapes or  
4814 other agricultural products, containing such sugar, including fortified  
4815 wines such as port, sherry and champagne.

4816        Sec. 92. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) The holder of a restaurant  
4817 permit issued under subsection (a) of section 30-22 of the general  
4818 statutes, a restaurant permit for wine and beer issued under subsection  
4819 (b) of section 30-22 of the general statutes or a cafe permit issued under  
4820 subsection (c) of section 30-22a of the general statutes may apply to the  
4821 Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed  
4822 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, for an infused beverage

4823 on premises consumption endorsement. The annual fee for an infused  
4824 beverage on premises consumption endorsement to such restaurant or  
4825 cafe permit shall be five hundred dollars, and shall be deposited by the  
4826 department in the consumer protection enforcement account  
4827 established in section 21a-8a of the general statutes.

4828 (b) An infused beverage on premises consumption endorsement  
4829 issued by the Department of Consumer Protection under this section  
4830 shall allow the restaurant or cafe operating under such endorsement to  
4831 sell infused beverages for consumption on the permit premises,  
4832 provided (1) the restaurant or cafe permittee (A) paid to the department  
4833 the annual fee for an infused beverage on premises consumption  
4834 endorsement pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and (B)  
4835 purchased such infused beverages from (i) the holder of a wholesaler  
4836 permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under section 30-17 of the  
4837 general statutes, or (ii) the holder of an infused beverage wholesaler  
4838 license issued under section 21a-425e of the general statutes, as  
4839 amended by this act, and (2) such sales are made in accordance with the  
4840 provisions of section 21a-425b of the general statutes, as amended by  
4841 this act.

4842 Sec. 93. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 30-17d of the  
4843 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
4844 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4845 (a) For the purposes of this section, [:

4846 (1) "Container"] "container" has the same meaning as provided in  
4847 section 21a-425, as amended by this act. [; and

4848 (2) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
4849 21a-425.]

4850 (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by the holder of a wholesaler  
4851 permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under section 30-17 on  
4852 each infused beverage container sold to the holder of a package store

4853 permit issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this  
4854 act, or a restaurant or cafe liquor permit with an infused beverage on  
4855 premises consumption endorsement issued under section 92 of this act.  
4856 Such fee shall not be subject to any sales tax or treated as income  
4857 pursuant to any provision of the general statutes.

4858 (c) On the second days of January [2, 2025, and every six months  
4859 thereafter] and July, each holder of a wholesaler permit or a wholesaler  
4860 permit for beer issued under section 30-17 shall remit payment to the  
4861 department for each infused beverage container sold during the  
4862 preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department  
4863 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer  
4864 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a for the  
4865 purposes of (1) protecting public health and safety, (2) educating  
4866 consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring compliance with cannabis  
4867 and liquor control laws.

4868 Sec. 94. Subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the 2026 supplement to the  
4869 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
4870 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4871 (b) (1) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic  
4872 liquor in sealed bottles or containers not to be consumed on the permit  
4873 premises. The holder of a package store permit may, in accordance with  
4874 regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection  
4875 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54, (A) offer free samples of  
4876 alcoholic liquor for tasting on the permit premises, (B) conduct fee-  
4877 based wine or spirits education and tasting classes and demonstrations,  
4878 and (C) conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a permittee or  
4879 backer of the package store for a nominal charge to charitable nonprofit  
4880 organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine or spirits education and  
4881 tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises shall be  
4882 conducted only during the hours the package store may sell alcoholic  
4883 liquor under section 30-91. No tasting of wine on the permit premises  
4884 shall be offered from more than ten uncorked bottles at any one time.

4885 No holder, backer or permittee shall offer or provide to any customer (i)  
4886 more than one-half ounce of any single spirit for sampling or tasting per  
4887 day, or (ii) a total of more than two ounces of spirits for sampling or  
4888 tasting per day. No tasting shall be provided below cost.

4889 (2) No store operating under a package store permit shall sell any  
4890 commodity other than alcoholic liquor except, notwithstanding any  
4891 other provision of law, such store may sell (A) cigarettes and cigars, (B)  
4892 publications, (C) bar utensils, including, but not limited to, corkscrews,  
4893 beverage strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume, or  
4894 related to the consumption of, alcoholic liquor, (D) gift packages of  
4895 alcoholic liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state  
4896 shipper, which gift packages may include nonalcoholic items, other than  
4897 food or tobacco products, if the dollar value of the nonalcoholic items in  
4898 such gift package does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items  
4899 in such gift package, (E) complementary fresh fruits used in the  
4900 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (F) cheese, crackers or both,  
4901 (G) olives, (H) nonalcoholic beverages, (I) concentrates used in the  
4902 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (J) beer and wine-making kits  
4903 and products related to such kits, (K) ice in any form, (L) articles of  
4904 clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor  
4905 industry, (M) gift baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, (N)  
4906 multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, provided in all such cases the  
4907 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, (O)  
4908 lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection, if  
4909 licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by the department, (P) devices  
4910 and related accessories designed primarily for accessing and extracting  
4911 a beverage containing alcohol from prepackaged containers, including,  
4912 but not limited to, pods, pouches or similar containers, but excluding  
4913 devices, including, but not limited to, household blenders, that are not  
4914 designed primarily for such purposes, (Q) alcohol-infused confections  
4915 containing not more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by weight  
4916 and which the commissioner has approved for sale under section 21a-  
4917 101, (R) gift baskets containing only containers of alcoholic liquor and

4918 commodities authorized for sale under subparagraphs (A) to (Q),  
4919 inclusive, of this subdivision, and (S) infused beverages, [as defined in  
4920 section 21a-425,] provided (i) the package store permittee (I) paid to the  
4921 department the annual fee for an infused beverage endorsement  
4922 pursuant to this subdivision, and (II) purchased such infused beverages  
4923 from the holder of a wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer  
4924 issued under section 30-17 or an infused beverage wholesaler licensed  
4925 under section 21a-425e, as amended by this act, and (ii) such sales are  
4926 made in accordance with the provisions of section 21a-425b, as amended  
4927 by this act. [, and (T) legacy infused beverages, as defined in section 21a-  
4928 425d, provided all such sales shall be made (i) during the period  
4929 beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2024, and (ii) in  
4930 accordance with (I) a waiver issued pursuant to section 21a-425d, and  
4931 (II) the requirements set forth in section 21a-425d.] A package store  
4932 permit shall also allow the taking and transmitting of orders for delivery  
4933 of such merchandise in other states. Notwithstanding any other  
4934 provision of law, a package store permit shall allow the participation in  
4935 any lottery ticket promotion or giveaway sponsored by the department.  
4936 The annual fee for a package store permit shall be five hundred thirty-  
4937 five dollars. The annual fee for an infused beverage endorsement to a  
4938 package store permit shall be five hundred dollars, and shall be  
4939 deposited by the department in the consumer protection enforcement  
4940 account established in section 21a-8a.

4941       Sec. 95. Subsection (a) of section 30-47 of the 2026 supplement to the  
4942 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
4943 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4944       (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in the department's  
4945 discretion, suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a permit for the  
4946 sale of alcoholic liquor, or impose a fine of not greater than one thousand  
4947 dollars per violation, if the department has reasonable cause to believe:  
4948 (1) That the applicant or permittee appears to be financially  
4949 irresponsible or neglects to provide for the applicant's or permittee's  
4950 family, or neglects or is unable to pay the applicant's or permittee's just

4951 debts; (2) that the applicant or permittee has been provided with funds  
4952 by any wholesaler or manufacturer or has any forbidden connection  
4953 with any other class of permittee as provided in this chapter; (3) that the  
4954 applicant or permittee is in the habit of using alcoholic beverages to  
4955 excess; (4) that the applicant or permittee has wilfully made any false  
4956 statement to the department in a material matter; (5) that the applicant  
4957 or permittee has been convicted of violating any of the liquor laws of  
4958 this or any other state or the liquor laws of the United States or has been  
4959 convicted of a felony as such term is defined in section 53a-25, provided  
4960 any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its  
4961 relationship to the applicant or permittee's ability to safely or  
4962 competently perform the duties associated with such permit, (B)  
4963 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the applicant or  
4964 permittee, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release, or  
4965 has such a criminal record that the department reasonably believes the  
4966 applicant or permittee is not a suitable person to hold a permit, provided  
4967 no refusal shall be rendered under this subdivision except in accordance  
4968 with the provisions of sections 46a-80 and 46a-81; (6) that the applicant  
4969 or permittee has not been delegated full authority and control of the  
4970 permit premises and of the conduct of all business on such premises; or  
4971 (7) that the applicant, applicant's backer, backer or permittee has  
4972 violated (A) any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted  
4973 under this chapter, or (B) any provision of sections 21a-425 to [21a-425d]  
4974 21a-425f, inclusive, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted  
4975 under subsection (k) of section 21a-425a, as amended by this act. Any  
4976 applicant, applicant's backer or backer shall be subject to the same  
4977 disqualifications as provided in this chapter, or any regulation adopted  
4978 under this chapter, for permittees.

4979       Sec. 96. Subsection (e) of section 30-63 of the general statutes is  
4980 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
4981 *1, 2026*):

4982       (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale or  
4983 distribution of infused beverages, [or legacy infused beverages,] as

4984 [such terms are] defined in section 21a-425, as amended by this act.

4985 Sec. 97. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 31-40q of the  
4986 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
4987 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4988 (6) "Cannabis" [means marijuana, as defined] has the same meaning  
4989 as provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

4990 Sec. 98. Section 38a-1052 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4991 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4992 (a) For the purposes of this section:

4993 (1) "Cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240,  
4994 as amended by this act;

4995 [(1)] (2) "Caregiver" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
4996 408, as amended by this act;

4997 [(2) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
4998 240;]

4999 (3) "Palliative use" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
5000 408, as amended by this act; and

5001 (4) "Qualifying patient" has the same meaning as provided in section  
5002 21a-408, as amended by this act.

5003 (b) There is established, within available appropriations, an Office of  
5004 the Cannabis Ombudsman, which shall be within the Office of the  
5005 Healthcare Advocate for administrative purposes only. The Office of the  
5006 Cannabis Ombudsman shall be under the direction of a Cannabis  
5007 Ombudsman. The Healthcare Advocate shall appoint an individual  
5008 who is familiar with the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis and the  
5009 medical cannabis system to serve as the Cannabis Ombudsman.

5010 (c) The Office of the Cannabis Ombudsman shall:

- 5011 (1) Represent the interests of qualifying patients and caregivers;
- 5012 (2) Identify, investigate and resolve complaints made by, or on behalf  
5013 of, qualifying patients and caregivers;
- 5014 (3) Monitor the palliative use of [marijuana] cannabis as authorized  
5015 under chapter 420f;
- 5016 (4) Report action, inaction or decisions that may adversely affect the  
5017 health, safety, welfare or rights of qualifying patients;
- 5018 (5) Analyze, comment on and monitor the development and  
5019 implementation of federal, state and local laws, regulations and other  
5020 government policies and actions concerning the health, safety, welfare  
5021 and rights of qualifying patients and caregivers;
- 5022 (6) Recommend any changes to the laws, regulations, policies and  
5023 actions described in subdivision (5) of this subsection that the office  
5024 deems appropriate to, among other things, improve the palliative  
5025 [marijuana] cannabis market in this state; and
- 5026 (7) Facilitate public comment on the laws, regulations, policies and  
5027 actions described in subdivision (5) of this subsection.

5028 Sec. 99. Section 53-247a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5029 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5030 Any person who provides cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420]  
5031 21a-240, as amended by this act, to a domesticated animal, shall be guilty  
5032 of a class C misdemeanor.

5033 Sec. 100. Subsection (a) of section 53a-213a of the 2026 supplement to  
5034 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5035 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5036 (a) A person is guilty of smoking, otherwise inhaling or ingesting  
5037 cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act,

5038 while operating a motor vehicle when he or she smokes, otherwise  
5039 inhales or ingests cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as  
5040 amended by this act, while operating a motor vehicle upon a public  
5041 highway of this state or upon any road of any specially chartered  
5042 municipal association or of any district organized under the provisions  
5043 of chapter 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance  
5044 of roads and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more, or  
5045 upon any private road on which a speed limit has been established in  
5046 accordance with the provisions of section 14-218a or upon any school  
5047 property. No person shall be convicted of smoking or otherwise  
5048 inhaling or ingesting cannabis while operating a motor vehicle and  
5049 possessing or having under such person's control a controlled substance  
5050 upon the same transaction. A person may be charged and prosecuted  
5051 for either or each such offense, a violation of operating a motor vehicle  
5052 while under the influence of any drug and any other applicable offense  
5053 upon the same information.

5054 Sec. 101. Subsection (a) of section 53a-213b of the 2026 supplement to  
5055 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5056 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5057 (a) A person is guilty of smoking or otherwise inhaling or ingesting  
5058 cannabis, as defined in section [21a-420] 21a-240, as amended by this act,  
5059 in a motor vehicle when he or she smokes or otherwise inhales or ingests  
5060 cannabis in a motor vehicle that is being operated by another person  
5061 upon a public highway of this state or upon any road of any specially  
5062 chartered municipal association or of any district organized under the  
5063 provisions of chapter 105, a purpose of which is the construction and  
5064 maintenance of roads and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars  
5065 or more, or upon any private road on which a speed limit has been  
5066 established in accordance with the provisions of section 14-218a or upon  
5067 any school property. No person shall be convicted of smoking or  
5068 otherwise inhaling or ingesting cannabis as a passenger in a motor  
5069 vehicle and possessing or having under such person's control a  
5070 controlled substance upon the same transaction, but such person may

5071 be charged and prosecuted for both offenses upon the same information.

5072 Sec. 102. Sections 21a-425c and 21a-425d of the general statutes are  
 5073 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2026*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-1(q)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	7-148(c)(7)(H)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	12-217(a)(1)(H)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	12-330ll(a)(1)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	12-412(120)(B)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	12-650
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	12-701(a)(20)(B)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	12-704d(a)(13)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-36(d)(1)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	14-227a(e)(2)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	15-140r(d)(2)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-342(a)(3)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-342a(a)(6)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-3b(a)(1)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-12g
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-106(d)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-240(20) to (29)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-243(e)
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-246(a)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-253
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-277(b)(3)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-279(a)(1)
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-279a(j)(1)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408a
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408b(b)
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408c(a) and (b)
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408d(a) to (c)
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408e
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408f
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408g

Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408h
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408i
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408j
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408k
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408l
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408m
Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408o
Sec. 39	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408p(c)
Sec. 40	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408r(d)
Sec. 41	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408s(a) to (c)
Sec. 42	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408u
Sec. 43	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408v(b) and (c)
Sec. 44	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-408w
Sec. 45	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-409(b) and (c)
Sec. 46	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-410(a) and (b)
Sec. 47	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420
Sec. 48	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 49	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 50	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 51	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420c(b)
Sec. 52	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420d(k)
Sec. 53	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420h
Sec. 54	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420l(b)
Sec. 55	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420m(b)
Sec. 56	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420n(d)
Sec. 57	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420p(f) and (g)
Sec. 58	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420q
Sec. 59	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420r
Sec. 60	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420s
Sec. 61	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420t(a) to (d)
Sec. 62	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420u(b)
Sec. 63	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420z(c) to (e)
Sec. 64	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420aa(b)(3)(A)
Sec. 65	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420bb(b)(3)(A)
Sec. 66	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421d(f)
Sec. 67	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421j
Sec. 68	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421k(b)
Sec. 69	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421n(a) and (b)
Sec. 70	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421o(e)

Sec. 71	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421q
Sec. 72	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421r
Sec. 73	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421s
Sec. 74	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421aa(c)
Sec. 75	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421bb(b)(15)
Sec. 76	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421ddd
Sec. 77	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-422g(a)
Sec. 78	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-422k(g)
Sec. 79	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-422l(a)
Sec. 80	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-422m
Sec. 81	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-425
Sec. 82	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-425a
Sec. 83	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-425b
Sec. 84	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-425e(d) to (f)
Sec. 85	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-425f(a) and (b)
Sec. 86	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-426(a)(7)
Sec. 87	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	22-61l
Sec. 88	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 89	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	22-61m(r)
Sec. 90	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	22-61n
Sec. 91	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	30-1
Sec. 92	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 93	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	30-17d(a) to (c)
Sec. 94	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	30-20(b)
Sec. 95	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	30-47(a)
Sec. 96	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	30-63(e)
Sec. 97	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	31-40q(a)(6)
Sec. 98	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	38a-1052
Sec. 99	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53-247a
Sec. 100	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53a-213a(a)
Sec. 101	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53a-213b(a)
Sec. 102	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	Repealer section

**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 certain liquor permittees, and (25) make various minor, technical and conforming changes to statutes concerning cannabis, hemp and infused beverages.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*