General Assembly

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LCO No. **1129**

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PSYCHEDELIC-ASSISTED THERAPY PILOT PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. Section 17a-484g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "MDMA" means the synthetic psychoactive drug, 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, commonly known as ecstasy or molly, that acts as a serotonin receptor agonist and reuptake inhibitor of serotonin and dopamine.

(2) "Psilocybin" means a serotonin receptor agonist that occurs naturally in some mushroom species.

(3) "Qualified patient" means <u>an individual who is eighteen years of age or older and meets clinical eligibility criteria established by the institutional review board of the medical school selected to administer the pilot program under subsection (b) of this section, including, but not</u>

14 limited to, a resident of the state who is (A) a veteran, (B) a retired first
15 responder, or (C) a direct care health care worker.

16 (b) **[**Not later than January 1, 2023, the**]** The Department of Mental
17 Health and Addiction Services shall establish, within available
18 appropriations, a psychedelic-assisted therapy pilot program, to be
19 administered by a medical school in the state. Such pilot program shall
20 provide qualified patients with MDMA-assisted or psilocybin-assisted
21 therapy as part of a research program approved by the federal Food and
22 Drug Administration pursuant to 21 CFR 312, as amended from time to
23 time. **[**The department shall cease to operate the pilot program when
24 MDMA and psilocybin have been approved to have a medical use by
25 the Drug Enforcement Administration, or any successor agency.**]**

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2026*	17a-484g

Statement of Purpose:

To expand access to and extend the psychedelic-assisted therapy pilot program.

[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.]