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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS AND HEMP REGULATION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 21a-240 of the 2024 supplement to the general  
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

6 The following words and phrases, as used in this chapter, shall have  
7 the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (1) "Abuse of drugs" means the use of controlled substances solely for  
9 their stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher  
10 functions of the central nervous system and not as a therapeutic agent  
11 prescribed in the course of medical treatment or in a program of  
12 research operated under the direction of a physician or pharmacologist.

13 (2) "Administer" means the direct application of a controlled

14 substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other  
15 means, to the body of a patient or research subject by: (A) A practitioner,  
16 or, in the practitioner's presence, by the practitioner's authorized agent;  
17 [, or] (B) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the  
18 presence of the practitioner; [,] or (C) a nurse or intern under the  
19 direction and supervision of a practitioner.

20 (3) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at  
21 the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, dispenser or prescribing  
22 practitioner, but does not include a common or contract carrier, public  
23 warehouseman [,] or employee of the carrier or warehouseman.

24 (4) "Amphetamine-type substances" include amphetamine, optical  
25 isomers thereof, salts of amphetamine and its isomers, and chemical  
26 compounds which are similar thereto in chemical structure or which are  
27 similar thereto in physiological effect, and which show a like potential  
28 for abuse, which are controlled substances under this chapter unless  
29 modified.

30 (5) "Barbiturate-type drugs" include barbituric acid and its salts,  
31 derivatives thereof and chemical compounds which are similar thereto  
32 in chemical structure or which are similar thereto in physiological effect,  
33 and which show a like potential for abuse, which are controlled  
34 substances under this chapter unless modified.

35 (6) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs,  
36 United States Department of Justice, or its successor agency.

37 (7) "Cannabis-type substances" include all parts of any plant, or  
38 species of the genus cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof whether  
39 growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of  
40 such a plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative,  
41 mixture or preparation of such plant, its seeds or resin; but shall not  
42 include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks,  
43 oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound,  
44 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such mature  
45 stalks, except the resin extracted therefrom, fiber, oil or cake, the

46 sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of germination, or hemp,  
47 as defined in 7 USC 1639o, as amended from time to time. Included are  
48 cannabimon, cannabimol, cannabidiol and chemical compounds which  
49 are similar to cannabimon, cannabimol or cannabidiol in chemical  
50 structure or which are similar thereto in physiological effect, and which  
51 show a like potential for abuse, which are controlled substances under  
52 this chapter unless derived from hemp, as defined in section 22-61l.

53 (8) "Controlled drugs" are those drugs which contain any quantity of  
54 a substance which has been designated as subject to the federal  
55 Controlled Substances Act, or which has been designated as a  
56 depressant or stimulant drug pursuant to federal food and drug laws,  
57 or which has been designated by the Commissioner of Consumer  
58 Protection pursuant to section 21a-243, as having a stimulant,  
59 depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions of the  
60 central nervous system and as having a tendency to promote abuse or  
61 psychological or physiological dependence, or both. Such controlled  
62 drugs are classifiable as amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-  
63 type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenic, morphine-type and other stimulant  
64 and depressant drugs. Specifically excluded from controlled drugs and  
65 controlled substances are alcohol, nicotine and caffeine.

66 (9) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance [,] or immediate  
67 precursor in schedules I to V, inclusive, of the Connecticut controlled  
68 substance scheduling regulations adopted pursuant to section 21a-243.

69 (10) "Counterfeit substance" means a controlled substance which, or  
70 the container or labeling of which, without authorization, bears the  
71 trademark, trade name or other identifying mark, imprint, number or  
72 device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, distributor or  
73 dispenser other than the person who in fact manufactured, distributed  
74 or dispensed the substance.

75 (11) "Deliver or delivery" means the actual, constructive or attempted  
76 transfer from one person to another of a controlled substance, whether  
77 or not there is an agency relationship.

78 (12) "Dentist" means a person authorized by law to practice dentistry  
79 in this state.

80 (13) "Dispense" means to deliver a controlled substance to an ultimate  
81 user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a  
82 practitioner, including the prescribing, administering, packaging,  
83 labeling or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for the  
84 delivery.

85 (14) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

86 (15) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or  
87 dispensing a controlled substance.

88 (16) "Distributor" means a person who distributes and includes a  
89 wholesaler who is a person supplying or distributing controlled drugs  
90 which the person personally has not produced or prepared to hospitals,  
91 clinics, practitioners, pharmacies, other wholesalers, manufacturers and  
92 federal, state and municipal agencies.

93 (17) "Drug" means: (A) [substances] Substances recognized as drugs  
94 in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic  
95 Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary, or  
96 any supplement to any of them; (B) substances intended for use in the  
97 diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man  
98 or animals; (C) substances, other than food, intended to affect the  
99 structure or any function of the body of man or animals; and (D)  
100 substances intended for use as a component of any article specified in  
101 subparagraph (A), (B) or (C) of this subdivision. [It] "Drug" does not  
102 include devices or their components, parts or accessories.

103 (18) "Drug dependence" means a psychoactive substance dependence  
104 on drugs as that condition is defined in the most recent edition of the  
105 "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" of the American  
106 Psychiatric Association.

107 (19) "Drug-dependent person" means a person who has a

108 psychoactive substance dependence on drugs as that condition is  
109 defined in the most recent edition of the "Diagnostic and Statistical  
110 Manual of Mental Disorders" of the American Psychiatric Association.

111 (20) (A) "Drug paraphernalia" means equipment, products and  
112 materials of any kind that are used, intended for use or designed for use  
113 in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,  
114 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing,  
115 preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing,  
116 containing or concealing, or ingesting, inhaling or otherwise  
117 introducing into the human body, any controlled substance contrary to  
118 the provisions of this chapter, including, but not limited to: (i) Kits  
119 intended for use or designed for use in planting, propagating,  
120 cultivating, growing or harvesting of any species of plant that is a  
121 controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be  
122 derived; (ii) kits used, intended for use or designed for use in  
123 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing or  
124 preparing controlled substances; (iii) isomerization devices used or  
125 intended for use in increasing the potency of any species of plant that is  
126 a controlled substance; (iv) testing equipment used, intended for use or  
127 designed for use in identifying or analyzing the strength, effectiveness  
128 or purity of controlled substances; (v) dilutents and adulterants,  
129 including, but not limited to, quinine hydrochloride, mannitol, mannite,  
130 dextrose and lactose used, intended for use or designed for use in  
131 cutting controlled substances; (vi) separation gins and sifters used,  
132 intended for use or designed for use in removing twigs and seeds from,  
133 or in otherwise cleaning or refining, marijuana; (vii) capsules and other  
134 containers used, intended for use or designed for use in packaging small  
135 quantities of controlled substances; (viii) containers and other objects  
136 used, intended for use or designed for use in storing or concealing  
137 controlled substances; and (ix) objects used, intended for use or  
138 designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing  
139 marijuana, cocaine, hashish [.] or hashish oil into the human body,  
140 including, but not limited to, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic or  
141 ceramic pipes with screens, permanent screens, hashish heads or

142 punctured metal bowls; water pipes; carburetion tubes and devices;  
143 smoking and carburetion masks; roach clips; miniature cocaine spoons  
144 and cocaine vials; chamber pipes; carburetor pipes; electric pipes; air-  
145 driven pipes; chillums; bongos; ice pipes and chillers. "Drug  
146 paraphernalia" does not include a product used by a manufacturer  
147 licensed pursuant to this chapter for the activities permitted under the  
148 license or by an individual to test any substance prior to injection,  
149 inhalation or ingestion of the substance to prevent accidental overdose  
150 by injection, inhalation or ingestion of the substance, provided the  
151 licensed manufacturer or individual is not using the product to engage  
152 in the unlicensed manufacturing or distribution of controlled  
153 substances. As used in this subdivision, "roach clip" means an object  
154 used to hold burning material, including, but not limited to, a marijuana  
155 cigarette, that has become too small or too short to be held between the  
156 fingers.

157 (B) "Factory" means any place used for the manufacturing, mixing,  
158 compounding, refining, processing, packaging, distributing, storing,  
159 keeping, holding, administering or assembling illegal substances  
160 contrary to the provisions of this chapter, or any building, rooms or  
161 location which contains equipment or paraphernalia used for this  
162 purpose.

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

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

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

174 (24) "Hospital", as used in sections 21a-243 to 21a-283, inclusive,  
175 means an institution for the care and treatment of the sick and injured,  
176 approved by the Department of Public Health or the Department of  
177 Mental Health and Addiction Services as proper to be entrusted with  
178 the custody of controlled drugs and substances and professional use of  
179 controlled drugs and substances under the direction of a licensed  
180 practitioner.

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

188 (26) "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the  
189 Commissioner of Consumer Protection has found to be, and by  
190 regulation designates as being, the principal compound commonly used  
191 or produced primarily for use, and which is an immediate chemical  
192 intermediary used or likely to be used, in the manufacture of a  
193 controlled substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail  
194 or limit manufacture.

195 (27) "Laboratory" means a laboratory approved by the Department of  
196 Consumer Protection as proper to be entrusted with the custody of  
197 controlled substances and the use of controlled substances for scientific  
198 and medical purposes and for purposes of instruction, research or  
199 analysis.

200 (28) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, cultivation,  
201 growing, propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of a  
202 controlled substance, either directly or indirectly by extraction from  
203 substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical  
204 synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and  
205 includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or

206 relabeling of its container, except that this term does not include the  
207 preparation or compounding of a controlled substance by an individual  
208 for the individual's own use or the preparation, compounding,  
209 packaging or labeling of a controlled substance: (A) By a practitioner as  
210 an incident to the practitioner administering or dispensing of a  
211 controlled substance in the course of such practitioner's professional  
212 practice; [ ] or (B) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized  
213 agent under such practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an  
214 incident to, research, teaching or chemical analysis and not for sale.

215 (29) "Marijuana" means all parts of any plant, or species of the genus  
216 cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof, whether growing or not; the  
217 seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; every  
218 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture [ ] or preparation of  
219 such plant, or its [seeds or] resin; [ ] any high-THC hemp product;  
220 manufactured cannabinoids, synthetic cannabinoids, except as  
221 provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision; or cannabimon,  
222 cannabimol or cannabidiol and chemical compounds which are similar  
223 to cannabimon, cannabimol or cannabidiol in chemical structure or which  
224 are similar thereto in physiological effect, which are controlled  
225 substances under this chapter, except cannabidiol derived from hemp,  
226 as defined in section 22-61l, that is not a high-THC hemp product.  
227 "Marijuana" does not include: (A) The mature stalks of such plant, fiber  
228 produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such  
229 plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or  
230 preparation of such mature stalks, except the resin extracted from such  
231 mature stalks or fiber, oil or cake; (B) the sterilized seed of such plant  
232 which is incapable of germination; (C) hemp, as defined in section 22-  
233 61l, (i) with a total THC concentration of not more than three-tenths per  
234 cent on a dry-weight basis, and (ii) that is not a high-THC hemp product;  
235 (D) any substance approved by the federal Food and Drug  
236 Administration or successor agency as a drug and reclassified in any  
237 schedule of controlled substances or unscheduled by the federal Drug  
238 Enforcement Administration or successor agency which is included in  
239 the same schedule designated by the federal Drug Enforcement



240 Administration or successor agency; [or] (E) synthetic cannabinoids  
241 which are controlled substances that are designated by the  
242 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by whatever official, common,  
243 usual, chemical or trade name designation, as controlled substances and  
244 are classified in the appropriate schedule in accordance with  
245 subsections (i) and (j) of section 21a-243; or (F) infused beverages, as  
246 defined in section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

247 (30) "Narcotic substance" means any of the following, whether  
248 produced directly or indirectly by extraction from a substance of  
249 vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or  
250 by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis: (A) Morphine-  
251 type: (i) Opium or opiate, or any salt, compound, derivative, or  
252 preparation of opium or opiate which is similar to any such substance  
253 in chemical structure or which is similar to any such substance in  
254 physiological effect and which shows a like potential for abuse, which  
255 is a controlled substance under this chapter unless modified; (ii) any  
256 salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation of any such  
257 substance which is chemically equivalent or identical to any substance  
258 referred to in clause (i) of this [subdivision] subparagraph, but not  
259 including the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium; (iii) opium poppy or  
260 poppy straw; or (iv) (I) fentanyl or any salt, compound, derivative or  
261 preparation of fentanyl which is similar to any such substance in  
262 chemical structure or which is similar to any such substance in  
263 physiological effect and which shows a like potential for abuse, which  
264 is a controlled substance under this chapter unless modified, or (II) any  
265 salt, compound, isomer, derivative or preparation of any such substance  
266 which is chemically equivalent or identical to any substance referred to  
267 in subclause (I) of this clause; or (B) cocaine-type; coca leaves or any salt,  
268 compound, derivative or preparation of coca leaves, or any salt,  
269 compound, isomer, derivatives or preparation of any such substance  
270 which is chemically equivalent or identical to any such substance or  
271 which is similar to any such substance in physiological effect and which  
272 shows a like potential for abuse, but not including decocainized coca  
273 leaves or extractions of coca leaves which do not contain cocaine or

274 ecgonine.

275 (31) "Nurse" means a person performing nursing as defined in section  
276 20-87a.

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

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

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

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

290 (36) "Other stimulant and depressant drugs" means controlled  
291 substances other than amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-  
292 type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenics and morphine-type which are found  
293 to exert a stimulant and depressant effect upon the higher functions of  
294 the central nervous system and which are found to have a potential for  
295 abuse and are controlled substances under this chapter.

296 (37) "Person" includes any corporation, limited liability company,  
297 association or partnership, or one or more individuals, government or  
298 governmental subdivisions or agency, business trust, estate, trust, or  
299 any other legal entity. Words importing the plural number may include  
300 the singular; words importing the masculine gender may be applied to  
301 females.

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

304 (39) "Pharmacy" means an establishment licensed pursuant to section  
305 20-594.

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

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

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

312 (43) "Practitioner" means: (A) A physician, dentist, veterinarian,  
313 podiatrist, scientific investigator or other person licensed, registered or  
314 otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with  
315 respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course of  
316 professional practice or research in this state; and (B) a pharmacy,  
317 hospital or other institution licensed, registered or otherwise permitted  
318 to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer  
319 a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research  
320 in this state.

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

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

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

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

332 (48) "Registry number" means the alphabetical or numerical

333 designation of identification assigned to a person by the federal Drug  
334 Enforcement Administration, or other federal agency, which is  
335 commonly known as the federal registry number.

336 (49) "Restricted drugs or substances" are the following substances  
337 without limitation and for all purposes: *Datura stramonium*;  
338 *hyoscyamus niger*; *atropa belladonna*, or the alkaloids *atropine*;  
339 *hyoscyamine*; *belladonnine*; *apatropine*; or any mixture of these  
340 alkaloids such as *daturine*, or the synthetic *homatropine* or any salts of  
341 these alkaloids, except that any drug or preparation containing any of  
342 the above-mentioned substances which is permitted by federal food and  
343 drug laws to be sold or dispensed without a prescription or written  
344 order shall not be a controlled substance; *amyl nitrite*; the following  
345 volatile substances to the extent that said chemical substances or  
346 compounds containing said chemical substances are sold, prescribed,  
347 dispensed, compounded, possessed or controlled or delivered or  
348 administered to another person with the purpose that said chemical  
349 substances shall be breathed, inhaled, sniffed or drunk to induce a  
350 stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions  
351 of the central nervous system: *Acetone*; *benzene*; *butyl alcohol*; *butyl*  
352 *nitrate* and its salts, isomers, esters, ethers or their salts; *cyclohexanone*;  
353 *dichlorodifluoromethane*; *ether*; *ethyl acetate*; *formaldehyde*; *hexane*;  
354 *isopropanol*; *methanol*; *methyl cellosolve acetate*; *methyl ethyl ketone*;  
355 *methyl isobutyl ketone*; *nitrous oxide*; *pentochlorophenol*; *toluene*;  
356 *toluol*; *trichloroethane*; *trichloroethylene*; *1,4 butanediol*.

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

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

364 (52) "State food, drug and cosmetic laws" means the Uniform Food,

365 Drug and Cosmetic Act, section 21a-91 et seq.

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

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

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

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

380 (57) "Unit dose drug distribution system" means a drug distribution  
381 system used in a hospital or chronic and convalescent nursing home in  
382 which drugs are supplied in individually labeled unit of use packages,  
383 each patient's supply of drugs is exchanged between the hospital  
384 pharmacy and the drug administration area or, in the case of a chronic  
385 and convalescent nursing home between a pharmacy and the drug  
386 administration area, at least once each twenty-four hours and each  
387 patient's medication supply for this period is stored within a patient-  
388 specific container, all of which is conducted under the direction of a  
389 pharmacist licensed in Connecticut and, in the case of a hospital, directly  
390 involved in the provision and supervision of pharmaceutical services at  
391 such hospital at least thirty-five hours each week.

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

395 (59) "THC" means tetrahydrocannabinol, including, but not limited  
396 to, delta-7, delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol,  
397 [and] delta-10-tetrahydrocannabinol [ ] and THC-A, and any material,  
398 compound, mixture or preparation which contain their salts, isomers  
399 and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers and  
400 salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation,  
401 regardless of the source, except: (A) Dronabinol substituted in sesame  
402 oil and encapsulated in a soft gelatin capsule in a federal Food and Drug  
403 Administration or successor agency approved product; [ ] or (B) any  
404 tetrahydrocannabinol product that has been approved by the federal  
405 Food and Drug Administration or successor agency to have a medical  
406 use and reclassified in any schedule of controlled substances or  
407 unscheduled by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or  
408 successor agency.

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

412 (61) "Manufactured cannabinoid" means cannabinoids [naturally  
413 occurring from a source other than marijuana that are similar in  
414 chemical structure or physiological effect to cannabinoids derived from  
415 marijuana, as defined in section 21a-243, but are derived by a chemical  
416 or biological process] created by directly converting one cannabinoid to  
417 a different cannabinoid through: (A) Application of light or heat; (B)  
418 decarboxylation of naturally occurring acidic forms of cannabinoids; or  
419 (C) an alternate extraction or conversion process approved by the  
420 Department of Consumer Protection and published on the department's  
421 Internet web site.

422 (62) "Synthetic cannabinoid" (A) means [any material, compound,  
423 mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of a substance  
424 having a psychotropic response primarily by agonist activity at  
425 cannabinoid-specific receptors affecting the central nervous system that  
426 is produced artificially and not derived from an organic source naturally  
427 containing cannabinoids, unless listed in another schedule pursuant to

428 section 21a-243] any substance converted, by a chemical process, to  
429 create a cannabinoid or cannabinoid-like substance that (i) has  
430 structural features which allow interaction with at least one of the  
431 known cannabinoid-specific receptors, or (ii) has any physiological or  
432 psychotropic response on at least one cannabinoid-specific receptor, (B)  
433 includes, but is not limited to, hexahydrocannabinol (HHC and HXC)  
434 and hydrox4phc (PHC), and (C) does not include any cannabinoid that  
435 is (i) naturally produced, or (ii) manufactured through (I) application of  
436 light or heat, or (II) decarboxylation of naturally occurring acidic forms  
437 of cannabinoids.

438 (63) "High-THC hemp product" (A) prior to October 1, 2024, means a  
439 manufacturer hemp product, as defined in section 22-61l, that has, or is  
440 advertised, labeled or offered for sale as having, total THC that exceeds  
441 [(A)] (i) for a hemp edible, hemp topical or hemp transdermal patch [(i)]  
442 (I) one milligram on a per-serving basis, or [(ii)] (II) five milligrams on a  
443 per-container basis, [(B)] (ii) for a hemp tincture, including, but not  
444 limited to, oil intended for ingestion by swallowing, buccal  
445 administration or sublingual absorption [(i)] (I) one milligram on a per-  
446 serving basis, or [(ii)] (II) twenty-five milligrams on a per-container  
447 basis, [(C)] (iii) for a hemp concentrate or extract, including, but not  
448 limited to, a vape oil, wax or shatter, twenty-five milligrams on a per-  
449 container basis, or [(D)] (iv) for a manufacturer hemp product not  
450 described in subparagraph [(A)] (A)(i), [(B)] (A)(ii) or [(C)] (A)(iii) of this  
451 subdivision, [(i)] (I) one milligram on a per-serving basis, [(ii)] (II) five  
452 milligrams on a per-container basis, or [(iii)] (III) three-tenths per cent  
453 on a dry-weight basis for cannabis flower or cannabis trim, (B) on and  
454 after October 1, 2024, means a manufacturer hemp product, as defined  
455 in section 22-61l, that has, or is advertised, labeled or offered for sale as  
456 having, total THC that exceeds (i) one milligram on a per-serving basis  
457 up to five milligrams per-container, or (ii) three-tenths per cent on a dry-  
458 weight basis for cannabis flower or cannabis trim, and (C) does not  
459 include an infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended  
460 by this act. As used in this subdivision, "container" means an object that  
461 is sold to a consumer and directly contains a high-THC hemp product,

462 and does not include an object that indirectly contains, or contains in  
463 bulk for transportation purposes, a high-THC hemp product.

464 Sec. 2. Section 21a-408 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
465 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
466 *1, 2024*):

467 As used in this section, sections 21a-408a to 21a-408o, inclusive, [and]  
468 sections 21a-408r to 21a-408v, inclusive, and section 3 of this act, unless  
469 the context otherwise requires:

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

472 (2) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in  
473 section 21a-420, as amended by this act;

474 (3) "Cannabis testing laboratory" means a person who (A) is located  
475 in this state, (B) is licensed by the department to analyze marijuana, and  
476 (C) meets the licensure requirements established in section 21a-408r and  
477 the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r;

478 (4) "Cannabis testing laboratory employee" means a person who is  
479 (A) employed at a cannabis testing laboratory, and (B) registered  
480 pursuant to section 21a-408r and the regulations adopted pursuant to  
481 subsection (d) of section 21a-408r;

482 (5) "Caregiver" means a person, other than the qualifying patient and  
483 the qualifying patient's physician, physician assistant or advanced  
484 practice registered nurse, who is eighteen years of age or older and has  
485 agreed to undertake responsibility for managing the well-being of the  
486 qualifying patient with respect to the palliative use of marijuana,  
487 provided (A) in the case of a qualifying patient (i) under eighteen years  
488 of age and not an emancipated minor, or (ii) otherwise lacking legal  
489 capacity, such person shall be a parent, guardian or person having legal  
490 custody of such qualifying patient, and (B) in the case of a qualifying  
491 patient eighteen years of age or older or an emancipated minor, the need



492 for such person shall be evaluated by the qualifying patient's physician,  
493 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse and such need  
494 shall be documented in the written certification;

495 (6) "Cultivation" includes planting, propagating, cultivating, growing  
496 and harvesting;

497 (7) "Debilitating medical condition" means (A) cancer, glaucoma,  
498 positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune  
499 deficiency syndrome, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to  
500 the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological  
501 indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy or uncontrolled intractable  
502 seizure disorder, cachexia, wasting syndrome, Crohn's disease,  
503 posttraumatic stress disorder, irreversible spinal cord injury with  
504 objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, cerebral palsy,  
505 cystic fibrosis or terminal illness requiring end-of-life care, except, if the  
506 qualifying patient is under eighteen years of age, "debilitating medical  
507 condition" means terminal illness requiring end-of-life care, irreversible  
508 spinal cord injury with objective neurological indication of intractable  
509 spasticity, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, severe epilepsy or uncontrolled  
510 intractable seizure disorder, or (B) any medical condition, medical  
511 treatment or disease approved for qualifying patients by the  
512 Department of Consumer Protection and posted online pursuant to  
513 section 21a-408l;

514 (8) "Dispensary facility" means a place of business where marijuana  
515 may be dispensed, sold or distributed in accordance with this chapter  
516 and any regulations adopted thereunder to qualifying patients and  
517 caregivers and for which the department has issued a dispensary facility  
518 license pursuant to this chapter;

519 (9) "Employee" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420,  
520 as amended by this act;

521 (10) "Institutional animal care and use committee" means a committee  
522 that oversees an organization's animal program, facilities and  
523 procedures to ensure compliance with federal policies, guidelines and

524 principles related to the care and use of animals in research;

525 (11) "Institutional review board" means a specifically constituted  
526 review body established or designated by an organization to protect the  
527 rights and welfare of persons recruited to participate in biomedical,  
528 behavioral or social science research;

529 (12) "Licensed dispensary" or "dispensary" means an individual who  
530 is a licensed pharmacist employed by a dispensary facility or hybrid  
531 retailer;

532 (13) "Marijuana" [means marijuana, as defined] has the same meaning  
533 as provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

534 (14) "Nurse" means a person who is licensed as a nurse under chapter  
535 378;

536 (15) "Palliative use" means the acquisition, distribution, transfer,  
537 possession, use or transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia relating  
538 to marijuana, including the transfer of marijuana and paraphernalia  
539 relating to marijuana from the patient's caregiver to the qualifying  
540 patient, to alleviate a qualifying patient's symptoms of a debilitating  
541 medical condition or the effects of such symptoms, but does not include  
542 any such use of marijuana by any person other than the qualifying  
543 patient;

544 (16) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in section  
545 21a-240, as amended by this act;

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

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

550 (19) "Producer" means a person who is licensed as a producer  
551 pursuant to section 21a-408i;

552 (20) "Qualifying patient" means a person who [:] (A) [Is] is a resident  
553 of Connecticut, (B) has been diagnosed by a physician, physician  
554 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse as having a debilitating  
555 medical condition, and (C) (i) is eighteen years of age or older, (ii) is an  
556 emancipated minor, or (iii) has written consent from a custodial parent,  
557 guardian or other person having legal custody of such person that  
558 indicates that such person has permission from such parent, guardian  
559 or other person for the palliative use of marijuana for a debilitating  
560 medical condition and that such parent, guardian or other person will  
561 (I) serve as a caregiver for the qualifying patient, and (II) control the  
562 acquisition and possession of marijuana and any related paraphernalia  
563 for palliative use on behalf of such person. "Qualifying patient" does not  
564 include an inmate confined in a correctional institution or facility under  
565 the supervision of the Department of Correction;

566 (21) "Research program" means a study approved by the Department  
567 of Consumer Protection in accordance with this chapter and undertaken  
568 to increase information or knowledge regarding the growth or  
569 processing of marijuana, or the medical attributes, dosage forms,  
570 administration or use of marijuana to treat or alleviate symptoms of any  
571 medical conditions or the effects of such symptoms;

572 (22) "Research program employee" means a person who (A) is  
573 registered as a research program employee under section 21a-408t, or  
574 (B) holds a temporary certificate of registration issued pursuant to  
575 section 21a-408t;

576 (23) "Research program subject" means a person registered as a  
577 research program subject pursuant to section 21a-408v;

578 (24) "Usable marijuana" means the dried leaves and flowers of the  
579 marijuana plant, and any mixtures or preparations of such leaves and  
580 flowers, that are appropriate for the palliative use of marijuana, but does  
581 not include the seeds, stalks and roots of the marijuana plant; and

582 (25) "Written certification" means a written certification issued by a  
583 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse

584 pursuant to section 21a-408c.

585 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) Beginning on October 1, 2024,  
586 each cannabis establishment shall submit marijuana samples to a  
587 cannabis testing laboratory for testing as set forth in subsection (b) of  
588 this section.

589 (b) (1) A cannabis testing laboratory shall test each marijuana sample  
590 submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section (A) for  
591 microbiological contaminants, mycotoxins, heavy metals and pesticide  
592 chemical residue, and (B) for purposes of conducting an active  
593 ingredient analysis, if applicable.

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

599 (c) When conducting microbiological testing as set forth in subsection  
600 (b) of this section, the marijuana sample shall be tested by using (1) a  
601 molecular method that (A) includes quantitative polymerase chain  
602 reaction, (B) is certified for identifying microbiological DNA, and (C) is  
603 approved by (i) the Association of Official Analytical Collaboration  
604 International, or (ii) a comparable national research and standard  
605 making agency designated by the Commissioner of Consumer  
606 Protection, or (2) an alternative testing method approved by the  
607 Department of Consumer Protection and posted on the department's  
608 Internet web site.

609 (d) If a marijuana sample does not pass the testing set forth in  
610 subsection (b) of this section, the cannabis establishment that submitted  
611 such failing marijuana sample to the cannabis testing laboratory shall:

612 (1) Repeat testing as set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section  
613 on the marijuana batch from which such marijuana sample was taken,  
614 in a form and manner approved by the Department of Consumer

615 Protection. If all repeated testing yields satisfactory results, the  
616 marijuana batch from which the marijuana samples were taken shall be  
617 released for sale;

618 (2) If such cannabis establishment submits to the Commissioner of  
619 Consumer Protection a remediation plan that is sufficient to ensure  
620 public health and safety, and the commissioner approves such  
621 remediation plan, remediate the marijuana batch from which such  
622 marijuana sample was taken and repeat all testing as set forth in  
623 subsections (a) and (b) of this section on such remediated marijuana  
624 batch, in a form and manner approved by the Department of Consumer  
625 Protection. If all repeated testing yields satisfactory results, the  
626 marijuana batch from which the marijuana samples were taken shall be  
627 released for sale; or

628 (3) If such cannabis establishment does not comply with subdivision  
629 (1) or (2) of this subsection, or if any subsequent laboratory testing does  
630 not yield satisfactory results for the testing set forth in subsections (a)  
631 and (b) of this section, dispose of the entire marijuana batch from which  
632 the marijuana sample was taken in accordance with procedures  
633 established by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, as published  
634 on the Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site.

635 (e) For purposes of the testing set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of  
636 this section, the quantity and number of marijuana samples taken shall  
637 be sufficient to ensure representative sampling of the corresponding  
638 marijuana batch size.

639 Sec. 4. Section 21a-420 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
640 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
641 *1, 2024*):

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

643 (1) "Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis  
644 Act" or "RERACA" means this section, sections 2-56j, 7-294kk, 7-294ll,  
645 12-330ll to 12-330nn, inclusive, 14-227p, 21a-278b, 21a-278c, 21a-279c,

646 21a-279d, 21a-420a to 21a-420j, inclusive, 21a-420l to 21a-421r, inclusive,  
647 21a-421aa to 21a-421ff, inclusive, 21a-421aaa to 21a-421hhh, inclusive,  
648 21a-422 to 21a-422c, inclusive, 21a-422e to 21a-422g, inclusive, 21a-422j  
649 to 21a-422s, inclusive, 22-61n, as amended by this act, 23-4b, 47a-9a, 53-  
650 247a, 53a-213a, 53a-213b, 54-33p, 54-56q, 54-56r, 54-125k and 54-142u,  
651 sections 23, 60, 63 to 65, inclusive, 124, 144 and 165 of public act 21-1 of  
652 the June special session, and the amendments in public act 21-1 of the  
653 June special session to sections 7-148, 10-221, 12-30a, 12-35b, 12-412, 12-  
654 650, 12-704d, 14-44k, 14-111e, 14-227a to 14-227c, inclusive, 14-227j, 15-  
655 140q, 15-140r, 18-100h, 19a-342, 19a-342a, 21a-267, 21a-277, 21a-279, 21a-  
656 279a, 21a-408 to 21a-408f, inclusive, as amended by this act, 21a-408h to  
657 21a-408p, inclusive, 21a-408r to 21a-408v, inclusive, 30-89a, 31-40q, 32-  
658 39, 46b-120, 51-164n, 53-394, 53a-39c, 54-1m, 54-33g, 54-41b, 54-56e, 54-  
659 56g, 54-56i, 54-56k, 54-56n, 54-63d, 54-66a and 54-142e, [and] section 20  
660 of public act 23-79, section 3 of this act and sections 5 to 8, inclusive, of  
661 this act;

662 (2) "Backer" means any individual with a direct or indirect financial  
663 interest in a cannabis establishment. "Backer" does not include an  
664 individual with an investment interest in a cannabis establishment if (A)  
665 the interest held by such individual and such individual's spouse,  
666 parent or child, in the aggregate, does not exceed five per cent of the  
667 total ownership or interest rights in such cannabis establishment, and  
668 (B) such individual does not participate directly or indirectly in the  
669 control, management or operation of the cannabis establishment;

670 (3) "Cannabis" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240, as  
671 amended by this act;

672 (4) "Cannabis establishment" means a producer, dispensary facility,  
673 cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage  
674 manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery  
675 service or transporter;

676 (5) "Cannabis flower" means the flower, including abnormal and  
677 immature flowers, of a plant of the genus cannabis that has been

678 harvested, dried, cured, chopped or ground, and prior to any processing  
679 whereby the flower material is transformed into a cannabis product.  
680 "Cannabis flower" does not include (A) the leaves or stem of such plant,  
681 or (B) hemp, as defined in section 22-61l;

682 (6) "Cannabis testing laboratory" means a laboratory that (A) is  
683 located in this state, (B) is licensed by the department to analyze  
684 cannabis, and (C) meets the licensure requirements established in  
685 section 21a-408r and the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d)  
686 of section 21a-408r;

687 (7) "Cannabis testing laboratory employee" means an individual who  
688 is (A) employed at a cannabis testing laboratory, and (B) registered  
689 pursuant to section 21a-408r and the regulations adopted pursuant to  
690 subsection (d) of section 21a-408r;

691 (8) "Cannabis trim" means all parts, including abnormal or immature  
692 parts, of a plant of the genus cannabis, other than cannabis flower, that  
693 have been harvested, dried and cured, and prior to any processing,  
694 excluding chopping or grinding, whereby the plant material is  
695 transformed into a cannabis product. "Cannabis trim" does not include  
696 hemp, as defined in section 22-61l;

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

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

704 (11) "Cannabis-type substances" have the same meaning as  
705 "marijuana", as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

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

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

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

713 (15) "Cultivation" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
714 408, as amended by this act;

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

719 (17) "Delivery service" means a person that is licensed to deliver  
720 cannabis from (A) micro-cultivators, retailers and hybrid retailers to  
721 consumers and research program subjects, and (B) hybrid retailers and  
722 dispensary facilities to qualifying patients, caregivers and research  
723 program subjects, as defined in section 21a-408, as amended by this act,  
724 or to hospices or other inpatient care facilities licensed by the  
725 Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that have a  
726 protocol for the handling and distribution of cannabis that has been  
727 approved by the department, or a combination thereof;

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

729 (19) "Dispensary facility" means a place of business where cannabis  
730 may be dispensed, sold or distributed in accordance with chapter 420f  
731 and any regulations adopted pursuant to said chapter, to qualifying  
732 patients and caregivers, and to which the department has issued a  
733 dispensary facility license pursuant to chapter 420f and any regulations  
734 adopted pursuant to said chapter;

735 (20) "Disproportionately impacted area" means (A) for the period  
736 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2023, a United States census  
737 tract in the state that has, as determined by the Social Equity Council



738 under subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, as amended  
739 by this act, (i) a historical conviction rate for drug-related offenses  
740 greater than one-tenth, or (ii) an unemployment rate greater than ten  
741 per cent, and (B) on and after August 1, 2023, a United States census tract  
742 in this state that has been identified by the Social Equity Council  
743 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (i) of section 21a-420d;

744 (21) "Disqualifying conviction" means a conviction within the last ten  
745 years which has not been the subject of an absolute pardon under the  
746 provisions of section 54-130a, or an equivalent pardon process under the  
747 laws of another state or the federal government, for an offense under (A)  
748 section 53a-276, 53a-277 or 53a-278, [;] (B) section 53a-291, 53a-292 or  
749 53a-293, [;] (C) section 53a-215, [;] (D) section 53a-138 or 53a-139, [;] (E)  
750 section 53a-142a, [;] (F) sections 53a-147 to 53a-162, inclusive, [;] (G)  
751 sections 53a-125c to 53a-125f, inclusive, [;] (H) section 53a-129b, 53a-129c  
752 or 53a-129d, [;] (I) subsection (b) of section 12-737, [;] (J) section 53a-48  
753 or 53a-49, if the offense which is attempted or is an object of the  
754 conspiracy is an offense under the statutes listed in subparagraphs (A)  
755 to (I), inclusive, of this subdivision, [;] or (K) the law of any other state  
756 or of the federal government, if the offense on which such conviction is  
757 based is defined by elements that substantially include the elements of  
758 an offense under the statutes listed in subparagraphs (A) to (J), inclusive,  
759 of this subdivision;

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

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

767 (24) "Employee" means any person who is not a backer, but is a  
768 member of the board of a company with an ownership interest in a  
769 cannabis establishment, and any person employed by a cannabis

770 establishment or who otherwise has access to such establishment or the  
771 vehicles used to transport cannabis, including, but not limited to, an  
772 independent contractor who has routine access to the premises of such  
773 establishment or to the cannabis handled by such establishment;

774 (25) "Equity" and "equitable" means efforts, regulations, policies,  
775 programs, standards, processes and any other functions of government  
776 or principles of law and governance intended to [:] (A) [Identify]  
777 identify and remedy past and present patterns of discrimination and  
778 disparities of race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation, [:] (B) ensure  
779 that such patterns of discrimination and disparities, whether intentional  
780 or unintentional, are neither reinforced nor perpetuated, [:] and (C)  
781 prevent the emergence and persistence of foreseeable future patterns of  
782 discrimination or disparities of race, ethnicity, gender and sexual  
783 orientation;

784 (26) "Equity joint venture" means a business entity that is controlled,  
785 and at least fifty per cent owned, by an individual or individuals, or such  
786 applicant is an individual, who meets the criteria of subparagraphs (A)  
787 and (B) of subdivision [(50)] (51) of this section;

788 (27) "Extract" means the preparation, compounding, conversion or  
789 processing of cannabis, either directly or indirectly by extraction or  
790 independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of  
791 extraction and chemical synthesis to produce a cannabis concentrate;

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

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

802 and creates food and beverages;

803 (30) "Grow space" means the portion of a premises owned and  
804 controlled by a producer, cultivator or micro-cultivator that is utilized  
805 for the cultivation, growing or propagation of the cannabis plant, and  
806 contains cannabis plants in an active stage of growth, measured starting  
807 from the outermost wall of the room containing cannabis plants and  
808 continuing around the outside of the room. "Grow space" does not  
809 include space used to cure, process, store harvested cannabis or  
810 manufacture cannabis once the cannabis has been harvested;

811 (31) "Historical conviction count for drug-related offenses" means, for  
812 a given area, the number of convictions of residents of such area (A) for  
813 violations of sections 21a-267, 21a-277, 21a-278, 21a-279 and 21a-279a,  
814 and (B) who were arrested for such violations between January 1, 1982,  
815 and December 31, 2020, inclusive, where such arrest was recorded in  
816 databases maintained by the Department of Emergency Services and  
817 Public Protection;

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

823 (33) "Hybrid retailer" means a person that is licensed to purchase  
824 cannabis and sell cannabis and medical marijuana products;

825 (34) "Infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an alcoholic  
826 beverage, as defined in section 30-1, (B) is intended for human  
827 consumption, and (C) contains, or is advertised, labeled or offered for  
828 sale as containing, total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended  
829 by this act, that is not greater than three milligrams per container, as  
830 defined in section 6 of this act;

831 [(34)] (35) "Key employee" means an employee with the following  
832 management position or an equivalent title within a cannabis

833 establishment: (A) President or chief officer, who is the top ranking  
834 individual at the cannabis establishment and is responsible for all staff  
835 and overall direction of business operations; (B) financial manager, who  
836 is the individual who reports to the president or chief officer and who is  
837 responsible for oversight of the financial operations of the cannabis  
838 establishment, which financial operations include one or more of the  
839 following: (i) Revenue and expense management; (ii) distributions; (iii)  
840 tax compliance; (iv) budget development; and (v) budget management  
841 and implementation; or (C) compliance manager, who is the individual  
842 who reports to the president or chief officer and who is generally  
843 responsible for ensuring the cannabis establishment complies with all  
844 laws, regulations and requirements related to the operation of the  
845 cannabis establishment;

846 [(35)] (36) "Labor peace agreement" means an agreement between a  
847 cannabis establishment and a bona fide labor organization under section  
848 21a-421d pursuant to which the owners and management of the  
849 cannabis establishment agree not to lock out employees and that  
850 prohibits the bona fide labor organization from engaging in picketing,  
851 work stoppages or boycotts against the cannabis establishment;

852 [(36)] (37) "Manufacture" means to add or incorporate cannabis into  
853 other products or ingredients or create a cannabis product;

854 [(37)] (38) "Medical marijuana product" means cannabis that may be  
855 exclusively sold to qualifying patients and caregivers by dispensary  
856 facilities and hybrid retailers and which are designated by the  
857 commissioner as reserved for sale to qualifying patients and caregivers  
858 and published on the department's Internet web site;

859 [(38)] (39) "Micro-cultivator" means a person licensed to engage in the  
860 cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an  
861 establishment containing not less than two thousand square feet and not  
862 more than ten thousand square feet of grow space, prior to any  
863 expansion authorized by the commissioner;

864 [(39)] (40) "Municipality" means any town, city or borough,

865 consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough;

866 [(40)] (41) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in  
867 section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

868 [(41)] (42) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability  
869 company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate,  
870 receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or any other legal entity and any other  
871 person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether  
872 appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination thereof;

873 [(42)] (43) "Producer" means a person that is licensed as a producer  
874 pursuant to section 21a-408i and any regulations adopted pursuant to  
875 said section;

876 [(43)] (44) "Product manufacturer" means a person that is licensed to  
877 obtain cannabis, extract and manufacture products;

878 [(44)] (45) "Product packager" means a person that is licensed to  
879 package and label cannabis;

880 [(45)] (46) "Qualifying patient" has the same meaning as provided in  
881 section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

882 [(46)] (47) "Research program" has the same meaning as provided in  
883 section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

884 [(47)] (48) "Retailer" means a person, excluding a dispensary facility  
885 and hybrid retailer, that is licensed to purchase cannabis from  
886 producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product manufacturers and  
887 food and beverage manufacturers and to sell cannabis to consumers and  
888 research programs;

889 [(48)] (49) "Sale" or "sell" has the same meaning as provided in section  
890 21a-240, as amended by this act;

891 [(49)] (50) "Social Equity Council" or "council" means the council  
892 established under section 21a-420d, as amended by this act;

893        [(50)] (51) "Social equity applicant" means a person that has applied  
894 for a license for a cannabis establishment, where such applicant is  
895 controlled, and at least sixty-five per cent owned, by an individual or  
896 individuals, or such applicant is an individual, who:

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

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

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

905        [(51)] (52) "THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
906 240, as amended by this act;

907        [(52)] (53) "Third-party lottery operator" means a person, or a  
908 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, that conducts  
909 lotteries pursuant to section 21a-420g, as amended by this act, identifies  
910 the cannabis establishment license applications for consideration  
911 without performing any review of the applications that are identified  
912 for consideration, and that has no direct or indirect oversight of or  
913 investment in a cannabis establishment or a cannabis establishment  
914 applicant;

915        [(53)] (54) "Transfer" means to transfer, change, give or otherwise  
916 dispose of control over or interest in;

917        [(54)] (55) "Transport" means to physically move from one place to  
918 another;

919        [(55)] (56) "Transporter" means a person licensed to transport  
920 cannabis and manufacturer hemp products, as defined in section 22-61l,  
921 between cannabis establishments, cannabis testing laboratories and  
922 research programs; and

923 [(56)] (57) "Unemployment rate" means, in a given area, the number  
924 of people sixteen years of age or older who are in the civilian labor force  
925 and unemployed divided by the number of people sixteen years of age  
926 or older who are in the civilian labor force.

927 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) (1) During the period  
928 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2025, a social equity  
929 applicant that has submitted an application to the department for a  
930 cultivator license pursuant to subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the  
931 general statutes, as amended by this act, may withdraw such application  
932 and apply for a micro-cultivator license pursuant to this section if:

933 (A) The Social Equity Council has verified that the applicant meets  
934 the criteria for a social equity applicant pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
935 subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by  
936 this act;

937 (B) The social equity applicant is eligible to receive a provisional  
938 cultivator license pursuant to subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the  
939 general statutes, as amended by this act;

940 (C) The department has not already issued a provisional cultivator  
941 license to the social equity applicant pursuant to subsection (a) of section  
942 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

943 (D) The social equity applicant submits to the department, in a form  
944 and manner prescribed by the commissioner, a written statement by the  
945 social equity applicant withdrawing the social equity applicant's  
946 application under subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general  
947 statutes, as amended by this act.

948 (2) No social equity applicant that withdraws an application in the  
949 manner set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be eligible to  
950 receive a refund for any fee paid in connection with such withdrawn  
951 application.

952 (b) During the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending December

953 31, 2025, the department shall issue a micro-cultivator license to a social  
954 equity applicant pursuant to this section:

955 (1) If the social equity applicant meets the eligibility criteria  
956 established in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section;

957 (2) If during the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending March 31,  
958 2025, the social equity applicant submits to the department, in a form  
959 and manner prescribed by the commissioner:

960 (A) A completed micro-cultivator license application;

961 (B) A written statement by the social equity applicant disclosing  
962 whether any change occurred in the ownership or control of the social  
963 equity applicant after the Social Equity Council verified that the  
964 applicant met the criteria for a social equity applicant pursuant to  
965 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general  
966 statutes, as amended by this act; and

967 (C) The application fee required under subdivision (1) of subsection  
968 (c) of this section; and

969 (3) If any change described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of  
970 this subsection has occurred:

971 (A) Such change in ownership or control is allowed under (i) section  
972 21a-420g of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (ii) any  
973 regulation adopted, or policy or procedure issued, pursuant to section  
974 21a-420g of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or 21a-420h of  
975 the general statutes; and

976 (B) Pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, (i) the Social Equity  
977 Council has determined that the social equity applicant continues to  
978 meet the criteria for a social equity applicant, and (ii) the department  
979 has received a written notice from the Social Equity Council affirming  
980 that the Social Equity Council has determined that the social equity  
981 applicant continues to meet the criteria for a social equity applicant.



982 (c) (1) A social equity applicant that submits a micro-cultivator license  
983 application pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall submit to the  
984 department an application fee in the amount of five hundred thousand  
985 dollars. All application fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall  
986 be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account  
987 established in section 21a-8a of the general statutes.

988 (2) The fee to renew a final micro-cultivator license issued pursuant  
989 to this section shall be the same as the fee to renew a final micro-  
990 cultivator license as set forth in section 21a-420e of the general statutes,  
991 as amended by this act. All renewal fees collected pursuant to this  
992 subdivision shall be paid to the State Treasurer and credited to the  
993 General Fund.

994 (d) If any change described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of  
995 subsection (b) of this section has occurred, the Social Equity Council  
996 shall (1) determine whether the social equity applicant continues to meet  
997 the criteria for a social equity applicant, and (2) submit to the  
998 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, a  
999 written notice disclosing such determination.

1000 (e) No social equity applicant that receives a micro-cultivator license  
1001 under this section shall be eligible to apply for a provisional license and  
1002 a final license to create more than one equity joint venture to be  
1003 approved by the Social Equity Council under section 21a-420d of the  
1004 general statutes, as amended by this act, and no such social equity  
1005 applicant shall operate any such equity joint venture unless such social  
1006 equity applicant has received a micro-cultivator license under this  
1007 section, commenced cultivation activities under such micro-cultivator  
1008 license and submitted to the department a fee in the amount of five  
1009 hundred thousand dollars. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection  
1010 shall be deposited in the Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund  
1011 established in section 21a-420f of the general statutes.

1012 (f) Each application submitted to the department pursuant to  
1013 subsection (b) of this section, and all information included in, or

1014 submitted with, any application submitted pursuant to said subsection,  
1015 shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of section 21a-420e of  
1016 the general statutes.

1017 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of RERACA, and except as  
1018 otherwise provided in subsections (a) to (f), inclusive, of this section:

1019 (1) Each application submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
1020 section shall be processed as any other micro-cultivator application that  
1021 has been selected through the lottery; and

1022 (2) Each social equity applicant, application submitted pursuant to  
1023 subsection (b) of this section and micro-cultivator license issued  
1024 pursuant to this section shall be subject to subsections (e) to (l), inclusive,  
1025 of section 21a-420g of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1026 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes of this  
1027 section:

1028 (1) "Container" (A) means an object that is sold to a consumer and  
1029 directly contains an infused beverage, and (B) does not include an object  
1030 that indirectly contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes,  
1031 an infused beverage; and

1032 (2) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as provided  
1033 in section 22-611 of the general statutes.

1034 (b) No infused beverage shall be sold or distributed in this state  
1035 unless:

1036 (1) The infused beverage is sold (A) on premises operating under a  
1037 package store permit issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 30-20  
1038 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or (B) at a dispensary  
1039 facility, hybrid retailer or retailer;

1040 (2) If the infused beverage is sold at a dispensary facility, hybrid  
1041 retailer or retailer, the infused beverage is stored and displayed  
1042 separately from any cannabis, in the same manner provided for

1043 manufacturer hemp products, in accordance with section 21a-409, 21a-  
1044 420s or 21a-420r of the general statutes, respectively;

1045 (3) The infused beverage meets the standards set forth for  
1046 manufacturer hemp products in subsections (v), (w) and (x) of section  
1047 22-61m of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

1048 (4) The infused beverage meets (A) the testing standards for  
1049 manufacturer hemp products established in, and any regulations  
1050 adopted pursuant to, section 22-61m of the general statutes, as amended  
1051 by this act, or (B) such other testing standards for manufacturer hemp  
1052 products as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the  
1053 commissioner's discretion, may designate.

1054 (c) No infused beverage shall be sold to any individual who is  
1055 younger than twenty-one years of age. No owner, agent or employee of  
1056 a package store permitted under subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the  
1057 general statutes, as amended by this act, or of a dispensary facility,  
1058 hybrid retailer or retailer, shall sell any infused beverage to an  
1059 individual without first verifying the individual's age with a valid  
1060 government-issued driver's license or identity card to establish that such  
1061 individual is twenty-one years of age or older.

1062 (d) No person shall sell, or offer for sale, any infused beverage in any  
1063 container containing less than twelve fluid ounces, or any packaging  
1064 comprised of more than four containers.

1065 (e) Each infused beverage container shall prominently display a  
1066 symbol, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch and in a  
1067 format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, that  
1068 indicates that such infused beverage is not legal or safe for individuals  
1069 younger than twenty-one years of age.

1070 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (e), inclusive,  
1071 of this section, a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or package  
1072 store that has received a waiver from the Commissioner of Consumer  
1073 Protection under section 7 of this act may, during the period beginning

1074 on July 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2024, sell legacy infused  
1075 beverages, as defined in section 7 of this act, in accordance with such  
1076 waiver and the requirements set forth in section 7 of this act.

1077 (g) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an  
1078 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b  
1079 of the general statutes.

1080 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this  
1081 section:

1082 (1) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420  
1083 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

1084 (2) "Dispensary facility" has the same meaning as provided in section  
1085 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

1086 (3) "Hybrid retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
1087 420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

1088 (4) "Legacy infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an  
1089 alcoholic beverage, as defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, (B)  
1090 is intended for human consumption, (C) contains, or is advertised,  
1091 labeled or offered for sale as containing, THC, as defined in section 21a-  
1092 240 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (D) as of June 30,  
1093 2024, is in compliance with (i) the provisions of RERACA, and (ii) the  
1094 policies and procedures issued by the Commissioner of Consumer  
1095 Protection to implement, and any regulations adopted pursuant to,  
1096 RERACA; and

1097 (5) "Retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420 of  
1098 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1099 (b) During the period beginning on the effective date of this section  
1100 and ending on June 30, 2024, a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or  
1101 retailer, or the holder of a package store permit issued under subsection  
1102 (b) of section 30-20 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, may  
1103 submit to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and

1104 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, an  
1105 application for a waiver to, during the period beginning on July 1, 2024,  
1106 and ending on September 30, 2024, sell the legacy infused beverages  
1107 that, on the effective date of this section, are in the possession, and  
1108 included in the inventory, of such dispensary facility, hybrid retailer,  
1109 retailer or package store.

1110 (c) A waiver issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
1111 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall allow the dispensary  
1112 facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or package store to, during the period  
1113 beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2024, sell the  
1114 legacy infused beverages that, on the effective date of this section, are in  
1115 the possession, and included in the inventory, of such dispensary  
1116 facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or package store, provided all such sales  
1117 are made in compliance with all applicable provisions of (1) RERACA,  
1118 other than section 6 of this act, and (2) the policies and procedures issued  
1119 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to implement, and any  
1120 regulations adopted pursuant to, RERACA.

1121 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes of this  
1122 section, "container" has the same meaning as provided in section 6 of  
1123 this act.

1124 (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by a dispensary facility,  
1125 hybrid retailer or retailer on each infused beverage container sold by  
1126 such cannabis establishment. Such fee shall not be subject to any sales  
1127 tax or treated as income pursuant to any provision of the general  
1128 statutes.

1129 (c) On October 1, 2024, and every six months thereafter, each  
1130 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer shall remit payment to the  
1131 department for each infused beverage container sold during the  
1132 preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department  
1133 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer  
1134 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the  
1135 general statutes for the purposes of (1) protecting public health and

1136 safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring  
1137 compliance with cannabis and liquor control laws.

1138 Sec. 9. Section 21a-420c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1139 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1140 (a) Except as provided in RERACA and chapter 420b or 420f, (1) no  
1141 person, other than a retailer, hybrid retailer, micro-cultivator or delivery  
1142 service, or an employee thereof in the course of [his or her] such  
1143 employee's employment, may sell or offer cannabis to a consumer, and  
1144 (2) no person, other than a hybrid retailer, dispensary facility or a  
1145 delivery service, or an employee thereof in the course of [his or her] such  
1146 employee's employment, may sell or offer cannabis to qualifying  
1147 patients and caregivers.

1148 (b) No person except a delivery service, or an employee [thereof] of a  
1149 delivery service, subject to the restrictions set forth in section 21a-420z,  
1150 acting in the course of [his or her] such employee's employment may  
1151 deliver cannabis to consumers, [, patients or caregivers except that  
1152 retailers, hybrid retailers, micro-cultivators and dispensary facilities  
1153 may utilize their own employees to deliver cannabis to the same  
1154 individuals they may sell to pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
1155 until thirty days after the date the first five delivery service licensees  
1156 have commenced public operation, which date shall be published by the  
1157 commissioner on the department's Internet web site, and thereafter all  
1158 delivery to consumers, patients or caregivers shall be done through a  
1159 delivery service licensee.]

1160 Sec. 10. Section 21a-420c of the general statutes, as amended by  
1161 section 9 of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1162 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

1163 (a) Except as provided in RERACA and chapter 420b or 420f, (1) no  
1164 person, other than a retailer, hybrid retailer, micro-cultivator or delivery  
1165 service, or an employee thereof in the course of such employee's  
1166 employment, may sell or offer cannabis to a consumer, and (2) no  
1167 person, other than a hybrid retailer, dispensary facility or a delivery

1168 service, or an employee thereof in the course of such employee's  
1169 employment, may sell or offer cannabis to qualifying patients and  
1170 caregivers.

1171 (b) No person except a delivery service, or an employee of a delivery  
1172 service, subject to the restrictions set forth in section 21a-420z, acting in  
1173 the course of such employee's employment may deliver cannabis to  
1174 consumers.

1175 (c) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an  
1176 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-  
1177 110b.

1178 (d) (1) Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, prohibit  
1179 the operation of any business within such municipality that is found to  
1180 be in violation of the provisions of this section or if such operation poses  
1181 an immediate threat to public health and safety.

1182 (2) If the chief executive officer of a municipality determines that a  
1183 business within the municipality is operating in violation of the  
1184 provisions of this section or poses an immediate threat to public health  
1185 and safety, the chief executive officer may apply to the Superior Court  
1186 for an order under subdivision (3) of this subsection.

1187 (3) Upon an application under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
1188 Superior Court, upon a finding that a business within the municipality  
1189 is operating in violation of the provisions of this section or poses an  
1190 immediate threat to public health and safety, may issue forthwith, ex  
1191 parte and without a hearing, an order that shall direct the chief law  
1192 enforcement officer of the municipality to take from such business  
1193 possession and control of any merchandise related to such violation or  
1194 immediate threat to public health and safety, which merchandise shall  
1195 include, but need not be limited to, (A) any cannabis or cannabis  
1196 product, (B) any cigarette, tobacco or tobacco product, (C) any  
1197 merchandise related to the merchandise described in subparagraphs (A)  
1198 and (B) of this subdivision, and (D) any proceeds related to the  
1199 merchandise described in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of this

1200 subdivision.

1201 (4) As used in this subsection, (A) "cigarette" has the same meaning  
1202 as provided in section 4-28h, (B) "immediate threat to public health and  
1203 safety" includes, but is not limited to, the presence of (i) any cannabis or  
1204 cannabis product in connection with a violation of this section, or (ii)  
1205 any cigarette or tobacco product alongside any cannabis or cannabis  
1206 product, and (C) "operation" and "operating" mean engaging in the sale  
1207 of, or otherwise offering for sale, goods and services to the general  
1208 public, including, but not limited to, through indirect retail sales.

1209 (e) (1) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be  
1210 assessed a civil penalty of thirty thousand dollars for each violation.  
1211 Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate  
1212 offense.

1213 (2) Any person who aids or abets any violation of the provisions of  
1214 this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of thirty thousand dollars  
1215 for each violation. Each day that such person aids or abets such violation  
1216 shall constitute a separate offense. For the purposes of this subdivision,  
1217 no person shall be deemed to have aided or abetted a violation of the  
1218 provisions of this section unless (A) such person was the owner, officer,  
1219 controlling shareholder or in a similar position of authority that allowed  
1220 such person to make command or control decisions regarding the  
1221 operations and management of another person who (i) is prohibited  
1222 from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product under this  
1223 section, and (ii) sold or offered any cannabis or cannabis product in  
1224 violation of this section, (B) such person knew that such other person (i)  
1225 is prohibited from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product  
1226 under this section, and (ii) sold or offered any cannabis or cannabis  
1227 product in violation of this section, (C) such person provided substantial  
1228 assistance or encouragement in connection with the sale or offer of such  
1229 cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section, and (D) such  
1230 person's conduct was a substantial factor in furthering the sale or offer  
1231 of such cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section.



1232 (3) Any person who manages or controls a commercial property, or  
1233 who manages or controls a commercial building, room, space or  
1234 enclosure, in such person's capacity as an owner, lessee, agent,  
1235 employee or mortgagor, who knowingly leases, rents or makes such  
1236 property, building, room, space or enclosure available for use, with or  
1237 without compensation, for the purpose of any sale or offer of any  
1238 cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section shall be  
1239 assessed a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars for each violation. Each  
1240 day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

1241 (4) No person other than the Attorney General, upon complaint of the  
1242 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or a municipality in which the  
1243 violation of this section occurred shall assess any civil penalty under this  
1244 subsection or institute a civil action to recover any civil penalty imposed  
1245 under this subsection. If a municipality institutes a civil action to recover  
1246 any civil penalty imposed under this subsection, such penalty shall be  
1247 paid first to the municipality to reimburse such municipality for the  
1248 costs incurred in instituting such action. One-half of the remainder, if  
1249 any, shall be payable to the treasurer of such municipality and one-half  
1250 of such remainder shall be payable to the Treasurer and deposited in the  
1251 General Fund.

1252 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the  
1253 imposition of any criminal penalty on any person who (1) is prohibited  
1254 from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product under this  
1255 section, and (2) sells or offers any cannabis or cannabis product in  
1256 violation of this section.

1257 Sec. 11. Subsection (k) of section 21a-420d of the 2024 supplement to  
1258 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1259 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1260 (k) The council shall develop criteria for evaluating the ownership  
1261 and control of any equity joint venture created under section 21a-420m,  
1262 as amended by this act, 21a-420u, as amended by this act, [or] 21a-420j  
1263 or section 5 of this act and shall review and approve or deny in writing

1264 such equity joint venture prior to such equity joint venture being  
1265 licensed under section 21a-420m, as amended by this act, 21a-420u, as  
1266 amended by this act, [or] 21a-420j or section 5 of this act. After  
1267 developing criteria for social equity plans as described in subdivision  
1268 (5) of subsection (h) of this section, the council shall review and approve  
1269 or deny in writing any such plan submitted by a cannabis establishment  
1270 as part of its final license application. The council shall not approve any  
1271 equity joint venture applicant which shares with an equity joint venture  
1272 any individual owner who meets the criteria established in  
1273 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(50)] (51) of section 21a-420,  
1274 as amended by this act, other than an individual owner in their capacity  
1275 as a backer licensed under section 21a-420o, as amended by this act.

1276 Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 21a-420e of the 2024 supplement to  
1277 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1278 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1279 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the following  
1280 fees shall be paid by each applicant:

1281 (1) For a retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five  
1282 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five  
1283 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a  
1284 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1285 (2) For a hybrid retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five  
1286 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five  
1287 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a  
1288 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1289 (3) For a cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one  
1290 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-  
1291 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1292 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1293 (4) For a micro-cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be  
1294 two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall

1295 be five hundred dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1296 of a final license shall be one thousand dollars.

1297 (5) (A) For a product manufacturer license, the fee to enter the lottery  
1298 shall be seven hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional  
1299 license shall be five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license  
1300 or a renewal of a final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1301 (B) For a product manufacturer seeking authorization to expand the  
1302 product manufacturer's authorized activities to include the authorized  
1303 activities of a food and beverage manufacturer, the application fee for  
1304 such expanded authorization shall be five thousand dollars and the fee  
1305 to renew such expanded authorization shall be five thousand dollars.  
1306 The fees due under this subparagraph shall be in addition to the fees  
1307 due under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

1308 (6) (A) For a food and beverage manufacturer license, the fee to enter  
1309 the lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a  
1310 provisional license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive  
1311 a final license or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand  
1312 dollars.

1313 (B) For a food and beverage manufacturer seeking authorization to  
1314 expand the food and beverage manufacturer's authorized activities to  
1315 include the authorized activities of a product manufacturer, the  
1316 application fee for such expanded authorization shall be twenty-five  
1317 thousand dollars and the fee to renew such expanded authorization  
1318 shall be twenty-five thousand dollars. The fees due under this  
1319 subparagraph shall be in addition to the fees due under subparagraph  
1320 (A) of this subdivision.

1321 (7) (A) For a product packager license, the fee to enter the lottery shall  
1322 be five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be  
1323 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1324 of a final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1325 (B) For a product packager seeking authorization to expand the

1326 product packager's authorized activities to include the authorized  
1327 activities of a product manufacturer, the application fee for such  
1328 expanded authorization shall be thirty thousand dollars and the fee to  
1329 renew such expanded authorization shall be twenty-five thousand  
1330 dollars. The fees due under this subparagraph shall be in lieu of the fees  
1331 due under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

1332 (8) For a delivery service or transporter license, the fee to enter the  
1333 lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional  
1334 license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license  
1335 or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1336 (9) For an initial or renewal of a backer license, the fee shall be one  
1337 hundred dollars.

1338 (10) For an initial or renewal of a key employee license, the fee shall  
1339 be one hundred dollars.

1340 (11) For an initial or renewal of a registration of an employee who is  
1341 not a key employee, the fee shall be fifty dollars.

1342 (12) The license conversion fee for a dispensary facility to become a  
1343 hybrid retailer shall be one million dollars, except as provided in section  
1344 21a-420u, as amended by this act.

1345 (13) The license conversion fee for a producer to engage in the adult  
1346 use cannabis market shall be three million dollars, except as provided in  
1347 section 21a-420l.

1348 (14) For a dispensary facility license, the fee to enter the lottery shall  
1349 be five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be  
1350 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1351 of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1352 (15) For a producer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one  
1353 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-  
1354 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1355 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1356 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420g of the 2024 supplement to  
1357 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1358 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1359 (b) Except as provided in section 21a-420o, as amended by this act,  
1360 and section 5 of this act, prior to the first date that the department begins  
1361 accepting applications for a license type, the department shall determine  
1362 the maximum number of applications that shall be considered for such  
1363 license type and post such information on its Internet web site. Fifty per  
1364 cent of the maximum number of applications that shall be considered  
1365 for each license type (1) shall be selected through a social equity lottery  
1366 for such license type, and (2) shall be reserved by the department for  
1367 social equity applicants. If, upon the close of the application period for  
1368 a license type, the department receives more applications than the  
1369 maximum number to be considered in total or to be reserved for social  
1370 equity applicants as set forth in this subsection, a third-party lottery  
1371 operator shall conduct a lottery to identify applications for review by  
1372 the department and the Social Equity Council.

1373 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420m of the 2024 supplement to  
1374 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1375 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1376 (b) The equity joint venture shall be in any cannabis establishment  
1377 licensed business, other than a cultivator license, provided such equity  
1378 joint venture is at least fifty per cent owned and controlled by an  
1379 individual or individuals who meet, or the equity joint venture  
1380 applicant is an individual who meets, the criteria established in  
1381 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(50)] (51) of section 21a-420,  
1382 as amended by this act.

1383 Sec. 15. Section 21a-420o of the 2024 supplement to the general  
1384 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1385 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1386 (a) Thirty days after the Social Equity Council posts the criteria for  
1387 social equity applicants on its Internet web site, the department shall

1388 open up a three-month application period for cultivators during which  
1389 a social equity applicant may apply to the department for a provisional  
1390 cultivator license and final license for a cultivation facility located in a  
1391 disproportionately impacted area without participating in a lottery or  
1392 request for proposals. Such application for a provisional license shall be  
1393 granted upon: (1) [verification] Verification by the Social Equity Council  
1394 that the applicant meets the criteria for a social equity applicant; (2) the  
1395 applicant submitting to and passing a criminal background check; and  
1396 (3) payment of a three-million-dollar fee to be deposited in the Cannabis  
1397 Social Equity and Innovation Fund established in section 21a-420f. Upon  
1398 granting such provisional license, the department shall notify the  
1399 applicant of the project labor agreement requirements of section 21a-  
1400 421e, as amended by this act. The department shall not grant an  
1401 application for a provisional cultivator license under this subsection  
1402 after December 31, 2025.

1403 (b) To obtain a final cultivator license under this section, the social  
1404 equity applicant shall provide evidence of: (1) [a] A contract with an  
1405 entity providing an approved electronic tracking system as described in  
1406 section 21a-421n; (2) a right to exclusively occupy [a] the location [in a  
1407 disproportionately impacted area] at which the cultivation facility will  
1408 be located, which location shall be situated (A) in a disproportionately  
1409 impacted area, (B) on any reservation, as defined in section 47-63, of the  
1410 Schaghticoke, Paucatuck Eastern Pequot or Golden Hill Paugussett  
1411 indigenous tribe recognized by this state under subsection (b) of section  
1412 47-59a, provided such reservation includes at least ten acres of  
1413 contiguous land and such land comprised part of such reservation on  
1414 July 1, 2024, or (C) on any parcel of land owned in fee simple by any  
1415 indigenous tribe recognized by this state under subsection (b) of section  
1416 47-59a, provided such parcel includes at least ten acres of contiguous  
1417 land and is located in a municipality that, prior to July 1, 2024, contained  
1418 any portion of a disproportionately impacted area; (3) any necessary  
1419 local zoning approval and permits for the cultivation facility; (4) a  
1420 business plan; (5) a social equity plan approved by the Social Equity  
1421 Council; (6) written policies for preventing diversion and misuse of

1422 cannabis and sales of cannabis to underage persons; and (7) blueprints  
1423 of the facility and all other security requirements of the department.

1424 Sec. 16. Section 21a-420p of the 2024 supplement to the general  
1425 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1426 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1427 (a) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may issue or renew a  
1428 license for a person to be a micro-cultivator. No person may act as a  
1429 micro-cultivator or represent that such person is a licensed micro-  
1430 cultivator unless such person has obtained a license from the  
1431 department pursuant to this section.

1432 (b) A micro-cultivator is authorized to cultivate, grow, propagate,  
1433 manufacture and package the cannabis plant at an establishment  
1434 containing not less than two thousand square feet and not more than ten  
1435 thousand square feet of grow space, prior to any expansion authorized  
1436 by the commissioner, provided such micro-cultivator complies with the  
1437 provisions of any regulations adopted under section 21a-420q  
1438 concerning grow space. A micro-cultivator business shall meet physical  
1439 security controls set forth and required by the commissioner.

1440 (c) A micro-cultivator may apply for expansion of its grow space, in  
1441 increments of five thousand square feet, on an annual basis, from the  
1442 date of initial licensure, if such licensee is not subject to any pending or  
1443 final administrative actions or judicial findings. If there are any pending  
1444 or final administrative actions or judicial findings against the licensee,  
1445 the department shall conduct a suitability review to determine whether  
1446 such expansion shall be granted, which determination shall be final and  
1447 appealable only to the Superior Court. The micro-cultivator may apply  
1448 for an expansion of its business annually upon renewal of its credential  
1449 until such licensee reaches a maximum of twenty-five thousand square  
1450 feet of grow space. If a micro-cultivator desires to expand beyond  
1451 twenty-five thousand square feet of grow space, the micro-cultivator  
1452 licensee may apply for a cultivator license one year after its last  
1453 expansion request. The micro-cultivator licensee shall not be required to

1454 apply through the lottery application process to convert its license to a  
1455 cultivator license. If a micro-cultivator maintains its license and meets  
1456 all of the application and licensure requirements for a cultivator license,  
1457 including payment of the cultivator license fee established under section  
1458 21a-420e, as amended by this act, the micro-cultivator licensee shall be  
1459 granted a cultivator license.

1460 (d) A micro-cultivator may label, manufacture, package and perform  
1461 extractions on any cannabis cultivated, grown and propagated at its  
1462 licensed establishment provided it meets all licensure and application  
1463 requirements for a food and beverage manufacturer, product  
1464 manufacturer or product packager, as applicable.

1465 (e) A micro-cultivator may sell, transfer or transport its cannabis to a  
1466 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer, delivery service, food and  
1467 beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, research program,  
1468 cannabis testing laboratory or product packager, provided the cannabis  
1469 is cultivated, grown and propagated at the micro-cultivator's licensed  
1470 establishment and transported utilizing the micro-cultivator's own  
1471 employees or a transporter. A micro-cultivator shall not gift or transfer  
1472 cannabis or cannabis products at no cost to a consumer as part of a  
1473 commercial transaction.

1474 (f) [A] (1) Subject to the requirements of this subsection and  
1475 subsection (b) of section 21a-420c, as amended by this act, a micro-  
1476 cultivator may sell its own cannabis, including, but not limited to, its  
1477 own cannabis seedlings, to consumers, excluding qualifying patients  
1478 and caregivers, either through a delivery service or utilizing its own  
1479 employees. [, subject to the requirements of subsection (b) of section 21a-  
1480 420c] No cannabis establishment other than a micro-cultivator shall sell  
1481 cannabis seedlings to consumers.

1482 (2) No micro-cultivator shall sell a cannabis seedling to a consumer  
1483 unless:

1484 (A) The micro-cultivator cultivated the cannabis seedling in this state  
1485 from seed or clone;



1486 (B) The cannabis seedling (i) has a standing height of not more than  
1487 six inches measured from the base of the stem to the tallest point of the  
1488 plant, (ii) does not contain any bud or flower, and (iii) has been tested  
1489 for pesticides and heavy metals in accordance with the laboratory  
1490 testing standards established in the policies and procedures issued, and  
1491 final regulations adopted, by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-  
1492 421j, as amended by this act; and

1493 (C) A label or informational tag is affixed to the cannabis seedling  
1494 disclosing the following in legible English, black lettering, Times New  
1495 Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background and in  
1496 uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a capital  
1497 letter "K":

1498 (i) The name of the micro-cultivator;

1499 (ii) A product description for the cannabis seedling;

1500 (iii) One of the following chemotypes anticipated after flowering: (I)  
1501 "High THC, Low CBD"; (II) "Low THC, High CBD"; or (III) "50/50 THC  
1502 and CBD";

1503 (iv) The results of the testing required under subparagraph (B)(iii) of  
1504 this subdivision;

1505 (v) Directions for optimal care of the cannabis seedling;

1506 (vi) Unobscured symbols, in a size of not less than one-half inch by  
1507 one-half inch and in a format approved by the commissioner, which  
1508 symbols shall indicate that the cannabis seedling contains THC and is  
1509 not legal or safe for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age;  
1510 and

1511 (vii) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking  
1512 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under  
1513 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by  
1514 the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this act.

1515 (3) Notwithstanding section 21a-421j, as amended by this act, no  
1516 cannabis seedling shall be required to be sold in child-resistant  
1517 packaging.

1518 (4) No micro-cultivator shall knowingly sell more than three cannabis  
1519 seedlings to a consumer in any six-month period.

1520 (5) No micro-cultivator shall accept any returned cannabis seedling.

1521 (6) Any micro-cultivator that engages in the delivery of cannabis as  
1522 set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall maintain a secure  
1523 location, in a manner approved by the commissioner, at the micro-  
1524 cultivator's premises where cannabis that is unable to be delivered may  
1525 be returned to the micro-cultivator. Such secure cannabis return location  
1526 shall meet specifications set forth by the commissioner and published  
1527 on the department's Internet web site or included in regulations adopted  
1528 by the department. A micro-cultivator shall cease delivery of cannabis  
1529 to consumers if [it] the micro-cultivator converts to being a cultivator.

1530 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420u of the 2024 supplement to  
1531 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1532 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1533 (b) Any equity joint venture created under this section shall be  
1534 created for the development of a cannabis establishment, other than a  
1535 cultivator, provided such equity joint venture is at least fifty per cent  
1536 owned and controlled by an individual or individuals who meet, or the  
1537 equity joint venture applicant is an individual who meets, the criteria  
1538 established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(50)] (51) of  
1539 section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

1540 Sec. 18. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420w of the 2024 supplement to  
1541 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1542 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1543 (d) A food and beverage manufacturer may sell, transfer or transport  
1544 its own products to a cannabis establishment, cannabis testing

1545 laboratory or research program, or obtain cannabis from a cannabis  
1546 establishment, cannabis testing laboratory or research program for  
1547 manufacturing purposes, provided such transportation is performed by  
1548 utilizing its own employees or a transporter. A food and beverage  
1549 manufacturer may not deliver any cannabis, cannabis products or food  
1550 or beverage incorporating cannabis to a consumer, directly or through  
1551 a delivery service.

1552 Sec. 19. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420x of the 2024 supplement to  
1553 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1554 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1555 (d) A product manufacturer may sell, transfer or transport its own  
1556 products to a cannabis establishment, cannabis testing laboratory or  
1557 research program, or obtain cannabis from a cannabis establishment,  
1558 cannabis testing laboratory or research program for manufacturing  
1559 purposes, provided such transportation is performed by utilizing its  
1560 own employees or a transporter. A product manufacturer may not  
1561 deliver any cannabis to a consumer directly or through a delivery  
1562 service.

1563 Sec. 20. Section 21a-420y of the 2024 supplement to the general  
1564 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1565 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1566 (a) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may issue or renew a  
1567 license for a person to be a product packager. No person may act as a  
1568 product packager or represent that such person is a product packager  
1569 unless such person has obtained a license from the department pursuant  
1570 to this section.

1571 (b) A product packager may obtain cannabis from a producer,  
1572 cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer or a  
1573 product manufacturer, provided the product packager utilizes its own  
1574 employees or a transporter. The product packager may sell, transfer or  
1575 transport cannabis to and from any cannabis establishment, cannabis  
1576 testing laboratory or research program, provided the product packager

1577 only transports cannabis packaged at its licensed establishment and  
1578 utilizing its own employees or a transporter.

1579 (c) A product packager shall be responsible for ensuring that  
1580 cannabis products are labeled and packaged in compliance with the  
1581 provisions of RERACA and the policies and procedures issued by the  
1582 commissioner to implement, and any regulations adopted pursuant to,  
1583 RERACA.

1584 (d) A product packager shall ensure all equipment utilized for  
1585 processing and packaging cannabis is sanitary and inspected regularly  
1586 to deter the adulteration of cannabis.

1587 (e) (1) A product packager may expand the product packager's  
1588 authorized activities to include the authorized activities of a product  
1589 manufacturer if: (A) The product packager submits to the department  
1590 (i) a completed license expansion application on a form and in a manner  
1591 prescribed by the commissioner, and (ii) the fee prescribed in  
1592 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section 21a-420e,  
1593 as amended by this act; and (B) the commissioner authorizes the product  
1594 packager, in writing, to expand such product packager's authorized  
1595 activities to include the authorized activities of a product manufacturer.

1596 (2) A product packager that expands the product packager's  
1597 authorized activities to include the authorized activities of a product  
1598 manufacturer under this subsection shall comply with all provisions of  
1599 this chapter, and all regulations, policies and procedures prescribed  
1600 pursuant to this chapter, concerning product manufacturers. In the  
1601 event of a conflict between any provision of this chapter, or any  
1602 regulation, policy or procedure prescribed pursuant to this chapter,  
1603 concerning product packagers and any such provision, regulation,  
1604 policy or procedure concerning product manufacturers, the provision,  
1605 regulation, policy or procedure imposing the more stringent public  
1606 health and safety standard shall prevail.

1607 Sec. 21. Section 21a-421e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1608 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

- 1609 (a) As used in this section: [, "project labor agreement"]
- 1610 (1) "Affiliated business entity" means a business entity that, either  
1611 directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, is controlled  
1612 by, or is under common control with, a cannabis establishment;
- 1613 (2) "Control" means the power to direct, or cause the direction of, the  
1614 management and policies of a business entity;
- 1615 (3) "Covered project" means a project that is (A) for the construction  
1616 or renovation of any facility for the operation of a cannabis  
1617 establishment, (B) in an amount of at least five million dollars, and (C)  
1618 performed by or on behalf of (i) a cannabis establishment, or (ii) an  
1619 affiliated business entity;
- 1620 (4) "Labor organization" (A) means any organization that exists and  
1621 is constituted, in whole or in part, for the purpose of (i) collective  
1622 bargaining, or (ii) dealing with employers concerning grievances, terms  
1623 or conditions of employment or other mutual aid or protection, and (B)  
1624 does not include a company union, as defined in section 31-101; and
- 1625 (5) "Project labor agreement" means [an agreement between a  
1626 subcontractor or contractor and a cannabis establishment that: (1) Binds  
1627 all contractors and subcontractors on the covered project to the project  
1628 labor] a prehire collective bargaining agreement that (A) is entered into  
1629 by and between (i) a cannabis establishment or an affiliated business  
1630 entity, (ii) one or more contractors or subcontractors at any tier, and (iii)  
1631 one or more labor organizations, (B) establishes the terms and  
1632 conditions of employment in connection with performance of a covered  
1633 project, (C) binds each affiliated entity, contractor and subcontractor to  
1634 adhere to the terms of such collective bargaining agreement through the  
1635 inclusion of specifications in all relevant solicitation provisions and  
1636 contract documents [; (2)] concerning performance of the covered  
1637 project, (D) allows [all contractors and subcontractors] each contractor  
1638 or subcontractor to compete for contracts and subcontracts on the  
1639 covered project without regard to whether [they are] such contractor or  
1640 subcontractor is otherwise [parties to] a party to a collective bargaining

1641 [~~agreements; (3)] agreement, (E) establishes uniform terms and  
1642 conditions of employment for all construction labor employed [on the  
1643 projects; (4)] in connection with performance of the covered project, (F)  
1644 guarantees against strikes, lockouts and similar job disruptions [; (5)] in  
1645 connection with performance of the covered project, (G) sets forth  
1646 mutually binding procedures for resolving labor disputes arising  
1647 during the [project labor] term of such collective bargaining agreement,  
1648 [;] and [(6)] (H) includes any other provisions as negotiated by the  
1649 parties to such collective bargaining agreement to promote successful  
1650 [delivery] performance of the covered project. [; and "employee  
1651 organization" means any lawful association, labor organization,  
1652 federation or council having as a primary purpose the improvement of  
1653 wages, hours and other conditions of employment for employees of  
1654 cannabis establishments.]~~

1655 (b) [A project for the construction or renovation of any facility for the  
1656 operation of a cannabis establishment in an amount of five million  
1657 dollars or greater] Each covered project shall be the subject of a project  
1658 labor agreement. [between the contractors and subcontractors of such  
1659 project and the cannabis establishment.] A contractor, subcontractor or  
1660 [employee] labor organization may enforce the provisions of this  
1661 section, or seek remedies for noncompliance with a project labor  
1662 agreement entered into under this section, by commencing a civil action  
1663 in the Superior Court in the judicial district [where the cannabis  
1664 establishment project is located] in which the covered project is to be  
1665 performed or is performed. The court, after hearing, may order penalties  
1666 of not more than ten thousand dollars per day for each violation of the  
1667 project labor agreement by the cannabis establishment or affiliated  
1668 business entity. A failure of a cannabis establishment or affiliated  
1669 business entity to comply with the provisions of this section shall not be  
1670 the basis for any administrative action by the Department of Consumer  
1671 Protection.

1672 Sec. 22. Subsection (b) of section 21a-421j of the 2024 supplement to  
1673 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1674 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1675 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
1676 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding  
1677 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to  
1678 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and  
1679 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue  
1680 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of RERACA that  
1681 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all  
1682 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site and  
1683 submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for  
1684 posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the  
1685 effective date of any policy or procedure. The commissioner shall also  
1686 provide such policies and procedures, in a manner prescribed by the  
1687 commissioner, to each licensee. Any such policy or procedure shall no  
1688 longer be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy  
1689 or procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight  
1690 months from June 22, 2021, if such regulations have not been submitted  
1691 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under  
1692 section 4-170. The commissioner shall issue policies and procedures and  
1693 thereafter final regulations that include, but are not limited to, the  
1694 following:

1695 (1) Setting appropriate dosage, potency, concentration and serving  
1696 size limits and delineation requirements for cannabis, provided a  
1697 standardized serving of edible cannabis product or beverage, other than  
1698 a medical marijuana product, shall contain not more than five  
1699 milligrams of THC.

1700 (2) Requiring that each single standardized serving of cannabis  
1701 product in a multiple-serving edible product or beverage is physically  
1702 demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to determine how  
1703 much of the product constitutes a single serving and a maximum  
1704 amount of THC per multiple-serving edible cannabis product or  
1705 beverage.

1706 (3) Requiring that, if it is impracticable to clearly demark every  
1707 standardized serving of cannabis product or to make each standardized

1708 serving easily separable in an edible cannabis product or beverage, the  
1709 product, other than cannabis concentrate or medical marijuana product,  
1710 shall contain not more than five milligrams of THC per unit of sale.

1711 (4) Establishing, in consultation with the Department of Mental  
1712 Health and Addiction Services, consumer health materials that shall be  
1713 posted or distributed, as specified by the commissioner, by cannabis  
1714 establishments to maximize dissemination to cannabis consumers.  
1715 Consumer health materials may include pamphlets, packaging inserts,  
1716 signage, online and printed advertisements and advisories and printed  
1717 health materials.

1718 (5) Imposing labeling and packaging requirements for cannabis sold  
1719 by a cannabis establishment that include, but are not limited to, the  
1720 following:

1721 (A) Inclusion of universal symbols to indicate that cannabis, or a  
1722 cannabis product, contains THC and is not legal or safe for individuals  
1723 younger than twenty-one years of age, and prescribe how such product  
1724 and product packaging shall utilize and exhibit such symbols.

1725 (B) A disclosure concerning the length of time it typically takes for  
1726 the cannabis to affect an individual, including that certain forms of  
1727 cannabis take longer to have an effect.

1728 (C) A notation of the amount of cannabis the cannabis product is  
1729 considered the equivalent to.

1730 (D) A list of ingredients and all additives for cannabis.

1731 (E) [Child-resistant] Except as provided in subdivision (3) of  
1732 subsection (f) of section 21a-420p, as amended by this act, child-  
1733 resistant, tamper-resistant and light-resistant packaging. [, including  
1734 requiring that an edible product be individually wrapped.] For the  
1735 purposes of this subparagraph, packaging shall be deemed to be (i)  
1736 child-resistant if the packaging satisfies the standard for special  
1737 packaging established in 16 CFR 1700.1(b)(4), as amended from time to



1738 time, (ii) tamper-resistant if the packaging has at least one barrier to, or  
1739 indicator of, entry that would preclude the contents of such packaging  
1740 from being accessed or adulterated without indicating to a reasonable  
1741 person that such packaging has been breached, and (iii) light-resistant if  
1742 the packaging is entirely and uniformly opaque and protects the entirety  
1743 of the contents of such packaging from the effects of light.

1744 (F) [Packaging for] Except as provided in subdivision (3) of  
1745 subsection (f) of section 21a-420p, as amended by this act, (i) packaging  
1746 for cannabis intended for multiple servings to be resealable in such a  
1747 manner so as to render such packaging continuously child-resistant, as  
1748 described in subparagraph (E)(i) of this subdivision, and preserve the  
1749 integrity of the contents of such packaging, and (ii) if packaging for  
1750 cannabis intended for multiple servings contains any edible cannabis  
1751 product, for each single standardized serving to be easily discernible  
1752 and (I) individually wrapped, or (II) physically demarked and  
1753 delineated as required under this subsection.

1754 (G) Impervious packaging that protects the contents of such  
1755 packaging from contamination and exposure to any toxic or harmful  
1756 substance, including, but not limited to, any glue or other adhesive or  
1757 substance that is incorporated in such packaging.

1758 (H) Product tracking information sufficient to determine where and  
1759 when the cannabis was grown and manufactured such that a product  
1760 recall could be effectuated.

1761 (I) A net weight statement.

1762 (J) A recommended use by or expiration date.

1763 (K) Standard and uniform packaging and labeling, including, but not  
1764 limited to, requirements (i) regarding branding or logos, (ii) that all  
1765 packaging be opaque, and (iii) that amounts and concentrations of THC  
1766 and cannabidiol, per serving and per package, be clearly marked on the  
1767 packaging or label of any cannabis product sold.

1768 (L) For any cannabis concentrate cannabis product that contains a  
1769 total THC percentage greater than thirty per cent, a warning that such  
1770 cannabis product is a high-potency product and may increase the risk  
1771 of psychosis.

1772 (M) Chemotypes, which shall be displayed as (i) "High THC, Low  
1773 CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is greater than five to one and the  
1774 total THC percentage is at least fifteen per cent, (ii) "Moderate THC,  
1775 Moderate CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is at least one to five but  
1776 not greater than five to one and the total THC percentage is greater than  
1777 five per cent but less than fifteen per cent, (iii) "Low THC, High CBD"  
1778 where the ratio of THC to CBD is less than one to five and the total THC  
1779 percentage is not greater than five per cent, or (iv) the chemotype  
1780 described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subparagraph that most closely  
1781 fits the cannabis or cannabis product, as determined by mathematical  
1782 analysis of the ratio of THC to CBD, where such cannabis or cannabis  
1783 product does not fit a chemotype described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of  
1784 this subparagraph.

1785 (N) A requirement that, prior to being sold and transferred to a  
1786 consumer, qualifying patient or caregiver, cannabis packaging be  
1787 clearly labeled, whether printed directly on such packaging or affixed  
1788 by way of a separate label, other than an extended content label, with:

1789 (i) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking  
1790 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under  
1791 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by  
1792 the commissioner pursuant to this section; and

1793 (ii) The following information concerning the cannabis contained in  
1794 such packaging, which shall be in legible English, black lettering, Times  
1795 New Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background  
1796 and in uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a  
1797 capital letter "K", which information shall also be available on the  
1798 Internet web site of the cannabis establishment that sells and transfers  
1799 such cannabis:

1800 (I) The name of such cannabis, as registered with the department  
1801 under the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted,  
1802 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

1803 (II) The expiration date, which shall not account for any refrigeration  
1804 after such cannabis is sold and transferred to the consumer, qualifying  
1805 patient or caregiver.

1806 (III) The net weight or volume, expressed in metric and imperial  
1807 units.

1808 (IV) The standardized serving size, expressed in customary units, and  
1809 the number of servings included in such packaging, if applicable.

1810 (V) Directions for use and storage.

1811 (VI) Each active ingredient comprising at least one per cent of such  
1812 cannabis, including cannabinoids, isomers, esters, ethers and salts and  
1813 salts of isomers, esters and ethers, and all quantities thereof expressed  
1814 in metric units and as a percentage of volume.

1815 (VII) A list of all known allergens, as identified by the federal Food  
1816 and Drug Administration, contained in such cannabis, or the denotation  
1817 "no known FDA identified allergens" if such cannabis does not contain  
1818 any allergen identified by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

1819 (VIII) The following warning statement within, and outlined by, a red  
1820 box:

1821 "This product is not FDA-approved, may be intoxicating, cause long-  
1822 term physical and mental health problems, and have delayed side  
1823 effects. It is illegal to operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence  
1824 of cannabis. Keep away from children."

1825 (IX) At least one of the following warning statements, rotated  
1826 quarterly on an alternating basis:

1827 "Warning: Frequent and prolonged use of cannabis can contribute to

1828 mental health problems over time, including anxiety, depression,  
1829 stunted brain development and impaired memory."

1830 "Warning: Consumption while pregnant or breastfeeding may be  
1831 harmful."

1832 "Warning: Cannabis has intoxicating effects and may be habit-  
1833 forming and addictive."

1834 "Warning: Consuming more than the recommended amount may  
1835 result in adverse effects requiring medical attention."

1836 (X) All information necessary to comply with labeling requirements  
1837 imposed under the laws of this state [or] and federal law, including, but  
1838 not limited to, sections 21a-91 to 21a-120, inclusive, and 21a-151 to 21a-  
1839 159, inclusive, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 301 et  
1840 seq., as amended from time to time, and the federal Fair Packaging and  
1841 Labeling Act, 15 USC 1451 et seq., as amended from time to time, for  
1842 similar products that do not contain cannabis.

1843 (XI) Such additional warning labels for certain cannabis products as  
1844 the commissioner may require and post on the department's Internet  
1845 web site.

1846 (6) Establishing laboratory testing standards, consumer disclosures  
1847 concerning mold and yeast in cannabis and permitted remediation  
1848 practices.

1849 (7) Restricting forms of cannabis products and cannabis product  
1850 delivery systems to ensure consumer safety and deter public health  
1851 concerns.

1852 (8) Prohibiting certain manufacturing methods, or inclusion of  
1853 additives to cannabis products, including, but not limited to, (A) added  
1854 flavoring, terpenes or other additives unless approved by the  
1855 department, or (B) any form of nicotine or other additive containing  
1856 nicotine.

- 1857 (9) Prohibiting cannabis product types that appeal to children.
- 1858 (10) Establishing physical and cyber security requirements related to  
1859 build out, monitoring and protocols for cannabis establishments as a  
1860 requirement for licensure.
- 1861 (11) Placing temporary limits on the sale of cannabis in the adult-use  
1862 market, if deemed appropriate and necessary by the commissioner, in  
1863 response to a shortage of cannabis for qualifying patients.
- 1864 (12) Requiring retailers and hybrid retailers to make best efforts to  
1865 provide access to (A) low-dose THC products, including products that  
1866 have one milligram and two and a half milligrams of THC per dose, and  
1867 (B) high-dose CBD products.
- 1868 (13) Requiring producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product  
1869 manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers to register brand  
1870 names for cannabis, in accordance with the policies and procedures and  
1871 subject to the fee set forth in, regulations adopted under chapter 420f.
- 1872 (14) Prohibiting a cannabis establishment from selling, other than the  
1873 sale of medical marijuana products between cannabis establishments  
1874 and the sale of cannabis to qualified patients and caregivers, (A)  
1875 cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material with a total THC  
1876 concentration greater than thirty per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (B)  
1877 any cannabis product other than cannabis flower and cannabis plant  
1878 material with a total THC concentration greater than sixty per cent on a  
1879 dry-weight basis, except that the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this  
1880 subdivision shall not apply to the sale of prefilled cartridges for use in  
1881 an electronic cannabis delivery system, as defined in section 19a-342a  
1882 and the department may adjust the percentages set forth in  
1883 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision in regulations adopted  
1884 pursuant to this section for purposes of public health or to address  
1885 market access or shortage. As used in this subdivision, "cannabis plant  
1886 material" means material from the cannabis plant, as defined in section  
1887 21a-279a.

1888 (15) Permitting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis.

1889 (16) Prohibiting packaging that is (A) visually similar to any  
1890 commercially similar product that does not contain cannabis, or (B) used  
1891 for any good that is marketed to individuals reasonably expected to be  
1892 younger than twenty-one years of age.

1893 (17) Allowing packaging to include a picture of the cannabis product  
1894 and contain a logo of one cannabis establishment, which logo may be  
1895 comprised of not more than three colors and provided neither black nor  
1896 white shall be considered one of such three colors.

1897 (18) Requiring packaging to (A) be entirely and uniformly one color,  
1898 and (B) not incorporate any information, print, embossing, debossing,  
1899 graphic or hidden feature, other than any permitted or required label.

1900 (19) Requiring that packaging and labeling for an edible cannabis  
1901 product, excluding the warning labels required under this subsection  
1902 and a picture of the cannabis product described in subdivision (17) of  
1903 this subsection but including, but not limited to, the logo of the cannabis  
1904 establishment, shall only be comprised of black and white or a  
1905 combination thereof.

1906 (20) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
1907 requiring that delivery device cartridges be labeled, in a clearly legible  
1908 manner and in as large a font as the size of the device reasonably allows,  
1909 with only the following information (i) the name of the cannabis  
1910 establishment where the cannabis is grown or manufactured, (ii) the  
1911 cannabis brand, (iii) the total THC and total CBD content contained  
1912 within the delivery device cartridge, (iv) the expiration date, and (v) the  
1913 unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking system  
1914 maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under the  
1915 policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by the  
1916 commissioner pursuant to this section.

1917 (B) A cannabis establishment may emboss, deboss or similarly print  
1918 the name of the cannabis establishment's business entity, and one logo

1919 with not more than three colors, on a delivery device cartridge.

1920 (21) Prescribing signage to be prominently displayed at dispensary  
1921 facilities, retailers and hybrid retailers disclosing (A) possible health  
1922 risks related to mold, and (B) the use and possible health risks related to  
1923 the use of mold remediation techniques.

1924 Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 21a-421l of the general statutes is  
1925 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1926 *2024*):

1927 (b) A cannabis establishment shall (1) store all cannabis in such a  
1928 manner as to prevent diversion, theft or loss, (2) make cannabis  
1929 accessible only to the minimum number of specifically authorized  
1930 employees essential for efficient operation, and (3) return any cannabis  
1931 to a secure location at the end of the scheduled business day. For the  
1932 purposes of this subsection, a location shall be deemed to be secure if  
1933 the location satisfies the requirements imposed in subsection (b) of  
1934 section 21a-262-4 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies for  
1935 controlled substances listed in schedules III, IV and V of the Connecticut  
1936 controlled substance scheduling regulations adopted pursuant to  
1937 section 21a-243.

1938 Sec. 24. Subsection (b) of section 21a-421bb of the 2024 supplement to  
1939 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1940 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1941 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, cannabis  
1942 establishments shall not:

1943 (1) Advertise, including, but not limited to, through a business name  
1944 or logo, cannabis, cannabis paraphernalia or goods or services related to  
1945 cannabis:

1946 (A) In ways that target or are designed to appeal to individuals under  
1947 twenty-one years of age, including, but not limited to, spokespersons or  
1948 celebrities who appeal to individuals under the legal age to purchase

1949 cannabis or cannabis products, depictions of a person under twenty-five  
1950 years of age consuming cannabis, or, the inclusion of objects, such as  
1951 toys, characters or cartoon characters, suggesting the presence of a  
1952 person under twenty-one years of age, or any other depiction designed  
1953 in any manner to be appealing to a person under twenty-one years of  
1954 age; or

1955 (B) By using any image, or any other visual representation, of the  
1956 cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant, including, but not  
1957 limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant;

1958 (2) Engage in any advertising by means of any form of billboard  
1959 within one thousand five hundred feet of an elementary or secondary  
1960 school ground or a house of worship, recreation center or facility, child  
1961 care center, playground, public park or library, or engage in any  
1962 advertising by means of a billboard between the hours of six o'clock a.m.  
1963 and eleven o'clock p.m.;

1964 (3) Engage in advertising by means of any television, radio, Internet,  
1965 mobile application, social media or other electronic communication,  
1966 billboard or other outdoor signage, or print publication unless the  
1967 cannabis establishment has reliable evidence that at least ninety per cent  
1968 of the audience for the advertisement is reasonably expected to be  
1969 twenty-one years of age or older;

1970 (4) Engage in advertising or marketing directed toward location-  
1971 based devices, including, but not limited to, cellular phones, unless the  
1972 marketing is a mobile device application installed on the device by the  
1973 owner of the device who is twenty-one years of age or older and  
1974 includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature and warnings that the  
1975 use of cannabis is restricted to persons twenty-one years of age or older;

1976 (5) Advertise cannabis or cannabis products in a manner claiming or  
1977 implying, or permit any employee of the cannabis establishment to  
1978 claim or imply, that such products have curative or therapeutic effects,  
1979 or that any other medical claim is true, or allow any employee to  
1980 promote cannabis for a wellness purpose unless such claims are



1981 substantiated as set forth in regulations adopted under chapter 420f or  
1982 verbally conveyed by a licensed pharmacist or other licensed medical  
1983 practitioner in the course of business in, or while representing, a hybrid  
1984 retail or dispensary facility;

1985 (6) Sponsor charitable, sports, musical, artistic, cultural, social or  
1986 other similar events or advertising at, or in connection with, such an  
1987 event unless the cannabis establishment has reliable evidence that (A)  
1988 not more than ten per cent of the in-person audience at the event is  
1989 reasonably expected to be under the legal age to purchase cannabis or  
1990 cannabis products, and (B) not more than ten per cent of the audience  
1991 that will watch, listen or participate in the event is expected to be under  
1992 the legal age to purchase cannabis products;

1993 (7) Advertise cannabis, cannabis products or cannabis paraphernalia  
1994 in any physical form visible to the public within five hundred feet of an  
1995 elementary or secondary school ground or a recreation center or facility,  
1996 child care center, playground, public park or library;

1997 (8) Cultivate cannabis or manufacture cannabis products for  
1998 distribution outside of this state in violation of federal law, advertise in  
1999 any way that encourages the transportation of cannabis across state lines  
2000 or otherwise encourages illegal activity;

2001 (9) Except for dispensary facilities and hybrid retailers, exhibit within  
2002 or upon the outside of the facility used in the operation of a cannabis  
2003 establishment, or include in any advertisement, the word "dispensary"  
2004 or any variation of such term or any other words, displays or symbols  
2005 indicating that such store, shop or place of business is a dispensary;

2006 (10) Exhibit within or upon the outside of the premises subject to the  
2007 cannabis establishment license, or include in any advertisement the  
2008 words "drug store", "pharmacy", "apothecary", "drug", "drugs" or  
2009 "medicine shop" or any combination of such terms or any other words,  
2010 displays or symbols indicating that such store, shop or place of business  
2011 is a pharmacy;

2012 (11) Advertise on or in public or private vehicles or at bus stops, taxi  
2013 stands, transportation waiting areas, train stations, airports or other  
2014 similar transportation venues including, but not limited to, vinyl-  
2015 wrapped vehicles or signs or logos on transportation vehicles not  
2016 owned by a cannabis establishment;

2017 (12) Display cannabis, cannabis products or any image, or any other  
2018 visual representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis  
2019 plant, including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant, so as  
2020 to be clearly visible to a person from the exterior of the facility used in  
2021 the operation of a cannabis establishment, or display signs or other  
2022 printed material advertising any brand or any kind of cannabis or  
2023 cannabis product, or including any image, or any other visual  
2024 representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant,  
2025 including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant, on the  
2026 exterior of any facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment;

2027 (13) Utilize radio or loudspeaker, in a vehicle or in or outside of a  
2028 facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment, for the  
2029 purposes of advertising the sale of cannabis or cannabis products; [or]

2030 (14) Operate any web site advertising or depicting cannabis, cannabis  
2031 products or cannabis paraphernalia unless such web site verifies that  
2032 the entrants or users are twenty-one years of age or older; or

2033 (15) Engage in advertising or marketing that includes a discounted  
2034 price or other promotional offering as an inducement to purchase any  
2035 cannabis or cannabis product that is not a medical marijuana product,  
2036 except a discounted price or promotional offering may be offered within  
2037 a dispensary facility or hybrid retailer as an inducement to purchase  
2038 cannabis.

2039 Sec. 25. Section 22-61m of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
2040 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
2041 *1, 2024*):

2042 (a) No person shall manufacture in the state without a license to

2043 manufacture issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.  
2044 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person who is  
2045 licensed in another state to manufacture, handle, store and market  
2046 manufacturer hemp products from applying for and obtaining a license  
2047 in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2048 (b) Each applicant for a manufacturer license shall submit an  
2049 application on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner  
2050 of Consumer Protection.

2051 (c) The following fees shall apply for a license to manufacture:

2052 (1) A nonrefundable license application fee of seventy-five dollars;  
2053 and

2054 (2) A nonrefundable licensing fee of three hundred seventy-five  
2055 dollars for a license to manufacture hemp.

2056 (d) A license to manufacture issued by the Commissioner of  
2057 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section shall expire triennially on  
2058 June thirtieth. Such licenses shall not be transferable.

2059 (e) In accordance with a hearing held pursuant to chapter 54, the  
2060 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may deny, suspend or revoke a  
2061 manufacturer license, issue fines of not more than [two thousand five  
2062 hundred] five thousand dollars per violation and place conditions upon  
2063 a manufacturer licensee who violates the provisions of this section and  
2064 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

2065 (f) (1) Any individual who manufactures in this state without  
2066 obtaining a license pursuant to this section or who manufactures in this  
2067 state after such entity's license is suspended or revoked shall be fined  
2068 [two hundred fifty] ten thousand dollars in accordance with the  
2069 provisions of section 51-164n.

2070 (2) Any entity who manufactures in this state without obtaining a  
2071 license pursuant to this section, or who manufactures in this state after  
2072 having a license suspended, shall be fined not more than [two thousand

2073 five hundred] five thousand dollars per violation after a hearing  
2074 conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

2075 (g) Nothing in this chapter or any regulations adopted pursuant to  
2076 this chapter shall be construed to apply to persons licensed pursuant to  
2077 section 21a-408i nor to require persons licensed pursuant to said section  
2078 to obtain a license pursuant to this chapter.

2079 (h) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may inspect and shall  
2080 have access to the buildings, equipment, supplies, vehicles, records, real  
2081 property and other information of any manufacturer applicant or  
2082 licensee that the commissioner deems necessary to carry out the  
2083 commissioner's duties pursuant to this section.

2084 (i) (1) Each manufacturer shall follow the protocol in this subsection  
2085 for disposing of cannabis in the event that any hemp or hemp product  
2086 is deemed to exceed the prescribed THC concentration, as determined  
2087 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or a manufacturer  
2088 licensee in possession of hemp or hemp products who desires to dispose  
2089 of obsolete, misbranded, excess or otherwise undesired product. Each  
2090 manufacturer licensee shall be responsible for all costs of disposal of  
2091 hemp samples and any hemp produced by such licensee that violates  
2092 the provisions of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this  
2093 section. Any cannabis that exceeds the prescribed THC concentration  
2094 allowable in hemp or hemp products shall be immediately embargoed  
2095 by such manufacturer and clearly labeled as adulterated by such  
2096 licensee and such licensee shall immediately notify both the Department  
2097 of Consumer Protection and the Department of Agriculture, in writing,  
2098 of such adulterated product. Such adulterated product shall be  
2099 destroyed and disposed of by the following method, as determined by  
2100 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

2101 (A) Surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or hemp product  
2102 to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection who shall be responsible  
2103 for the destruction and disposal of such adulterated product; or

2104 (B) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of

2105 Consumer Protection.

2106 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
2107 subsection, upon written request of a manufacturer, the Commissioner  
2108 of Consumer Protection may permit such manufacturer to combine  
2109 different batches of raw hemp plant material to achieve a THC  
2110 concentration of 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, in lieu of embargo  
2111 or destruction.

2112 (j) The manufacturer or manufacturer's authorized designee  
2113 disposing of the hemp or hemp products shall maintain and make  
2114 available to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection a record of each  
2115 such disposal or destruction of product indicating:

2116 (1) The date, time and location of disposal or destruction;

2117 (2) The manner of disposal or destruction;

2118 (3) The batch or lot information and quantity of hemp or hemp  
2119 product disposed of or destroyed; and

2120 (4) The signatures of the persons disposing of the hemp or hemp  
2121 products, the authorized representative of the Commissioner of  
2122 Consumer Protection and any other persons present during the  
2123 disposal.

2124 (k) Any hemp intended to be manufactured by a manufacturer into a  
2125 manufacturer hemp product shall be tested by an independent testing  
2126 laboratory located in this state. A manufacturer licensee shall make  
2127 available samples, in an amount and type determined by the  
2128 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of hemp for an independent  
2129 testing laboratory employee to select random samples. The independent  
2130 testing laboratory shall test each sample in accordance with the  
2131 laboratory testing standards established in policies, procedures and  
2132 regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j,  
2133 as amended by this act.

2134 (l) Once a batch of hemp, intended to be sold as a manufacturer hemp

2135 product, has been homogenized for sample testing and eventual  
2136 packaging and sale, until the independent testing laboratory provides  
2137 the results from its tests and analysis, the manufacturer shall segregate  
2138 and withhold from use the entire batch of hemp that is intended for use  
2139 as a manufacturer hemp product, except the samples that have been  
2140 removed by the independent testing laboratory for testing. During this  
2141 period of segregation, the manufacturer licensee shall maintain the  
2142 hemp batch in a secure, cool and dry location, as prescribed by the  
2143 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, so as to prevent the hemp from  
2144 becoming adulterated. Such manufacturer shall not manufacture or sell  
2145 a manufacturer hemp product prior to the time that the independent  
2146 testing laboratory completes testing and analysis and provides such  
2147 results, in writing, to the manufacturer licensee who initiated such  
2148 testing.

2149 (m) An independent testing laboratory shall immediately return or  
2150 dispose of any hemp or manufacturer hemp product upon the  
2151 completion of any testing, use or research. If an independent testing  
2152 laboratory disposes of hemp or manufacturer hemp products, the  
2153 laboratory shall dispose of such hemp in the following manner, as  
2154 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

2155 (1) By surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or  
2156 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer  
2157 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of  
2158 such hemp or hemp product; or

2159 (2) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
2160 Consumer Protection.

2161 (n) If a sample does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy  
2162 metal or pesticide chemical residue test, based on the laboratory testing  
2163 standards established in policies, procedures and regulations adopted  
2164 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-  
2165 421j, as amended by this act, the manufacturer licensee who sent such  
2166 batch for testing shall:

2167 (1) Retest and reanalyze the hemp from which the sample was taken  
2168 by having an employee from the same laboratory randomly select  
2169 another sample from the same hemp batch. If the sample used to retest  
2170 or reanalyze such hemp yields satisfactory results for all testing  
2171 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory  
2172 shall randomly select a different sample from the same hemp batch for  
2173 testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results for all testing required  
2174 under this section, the hemp batch from which the samples were taken  
2175 shall be released for manufacturing, processing and sale;

2176 (2) If a remediation plan sufficient to ensure public health and safety  
2177 is submitted to and approved by the commissioner, remediate the hemp  
2178 batch from which the sample was taken and have a laboratory employee  
2179 randomly select a sample from such remediated hemp batch for testing.  
2180 If such randomly selected sample yields satisfactory results for any  
2181 testing required under this section, an employee from a different  
2182 laboratory shall randomly select a different sample from the same hemp  
2183 batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results for all testing  
2184 required under this section, the hemp batch from which the samples  
2185 were taken may be released for manufacturing, processing or sale; or

2186 (3) If the manufacturer does not retest or remediate, or if any  
2187 subsequent laboratory testing does not yield satisfactory results for any  
2188 testing required under this section, dispose of the entire batch from  
2189 which the sample was taken in accordance with procedures established  
2190 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to subdivision  
2191 (1) of subsection (i) of this section.

2192 (o) If a sample passes the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy metal  
2193 and pesticide chemical residue test, the independent testing laboratory  
2194 shall release the entire batch for manufacturing, processing or sale.

2195 (p) The independent testing laboratory shall file with the Department  
2196 of Consumer Protection an electronic copy of each laboratory test result  
2197 for any batch that does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy  
2198 metal or pesticide chemical residue test, at the same time that it

2199 transmits such results to the manufacturer licensee who requested such  
2200 testing. Each independent testing laboratory shall maintain the test  
2201 results of each tested batch for a period of three years and shall make  
2202 such results available to the Department of Consumer Protection upon  
2203 request.

2204 (q) Manufacturers shall maintain records required by the federal act,  
2205 this section, any regulation adopted pursuant to this section and the  
2206 policies, procedures and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
2207 Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this  
2208 act. Each manufacturer shall make such records available to the  
2209 Department of Consumer Protection immediately upon request and in  
2210 electronic format, if available.

2211 (r) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
2212 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
2213 implement the provisions of this section including, but not limited to,  
2214 establishing sampling and testing procedures to ensure compliance  
2215 with this section, prescribing storage and disposal procedures for hemp,  
2216 marijuana and manufacturer hemp products that fail to pass  
2217 Department of Consumer Protection prescribed independent testing  
2218 laboratory testing standards and establishing advertising and labeling  
2219 requirements for manufacturer hemp products.

2220 (s) Any claim of health impacts, medical effects or physical or mental  
2221 benefits shall be prohibited on any advertising for, labeling of or  
2222 marketing of manufacturer hemp products regardless of whether such  
2223 manufacturer hemp products were manufactured in this state or  
2224 another jurisdiction. Any violation of this subsection shall be deemed an  
2225 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-  
2226 110b.

2227 (t) Not later than February 1, 2020, the Commissioners of Agriculture  
2228 and Consumer Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with  
2229 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the general assembly  
2230 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status



2231 of the pilot program, the development of the state plan and any  
2232 regulations for such pilot program or state plan. Such report shall also  
2233 include any legislative recommendations, including, but not limited to,  
2234 any recommendations for requiring the registration of any  
2235 manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state.

2236 (u) (1) Any person who sells manufacturer hemp products shall not  
2237 be required to be licensed, provided such person only engages in: (A)  
2238 The retail or wholesale sale of manufacturer hemp products in which no  
2239 further manufacturing of hemp occurs, provided such manufacturer  
2240 hemp products are acquired from a person authorized to manufacture  
2241 the manufacturer hemp products under the laws of this state or another  
2242 state, territory or possession of the United States or another sovereign  
2243 entity; (B) the acquisition of manufacturer hemp products for the sole  
2244 purpose of product distribution for resale; and (C) the retail sale of  
2245 manufacturer hemp products that is authorized under federal or state  
2246 law.

2247 (2) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or Commissioner of  
2248 Revenue Services may, pursuant to section 4-182, summarily suspend  
2249 any credential the Department of Consumer Protection or Department  
2250 of Revenue Services, respectively, issued to any person who [sells  
2251 manufacturer hemp products in violation of subdivision (1) of this  
2252 subsection or subsections (v) to (y), inclusive, of this section] violates  
2253 any provision of this section or chapter 214c, 228d, 420f or 420h.

2254 (v) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state, or to  
2255 a consumer in this state, shall contain any synthetic cannabinoid, as  
2256 defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

2257 (w) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state, or  
2258 to a consumer in this state, shall be packaged, presented or advertised  
2259 in a manner that is likely to mislead a consumer by incorporating any  
2260 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other  
2261 depiction that: (1) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or  
2262 characteristic packaging of (A) cannabis offered for sale (i) in this state

2263 by a cannabis establishment licensed in this state, or (ii) on tribal land  
2264 by a tribal-credentialed cannabis entity, or (B) a commercially available  
2265 product other than a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420, as  
2266 amended by this act; or (2) implies that the manufacturer hemp product  
2267 (A) is a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended by  
2268 this act, (B) contains a total THC concentration greater than three-tenths  
2269 per cent on a dry-weight basis, or (C) is a high-THC hemp product, as  
2270 defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

2271 (x) No manufacturer hemp product that is a food, beverage, oil or  
2272 other product intended for human ingestion shall be distributed or sold  
2273 in this state unless such product is contained within a package, or a label  
2274 is affixed to such package, that includes:

2275 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response  
2276 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form product  
2277 batch by an independent testing laboratory and discloses:

2278 (A) The name of such product;

2279 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's  
2280 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;

2281 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such  
2282 package or label; and

2283 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such product,  
2284 including, but not limited to, total THC and any cannabinoids or active  
2285 ingredients comprising at least one per cent of such product;

2286 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable;

2287 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing that:

2288 (A) Children, or those who are pregnant or breastfeeding, should  
2289 avoid using such product prior to consulting with a health care  
2290 professional concerning such product's safety;

2291 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of  
2292 children; and

2293 (C) The federal Food and Drug Administration has not evaluated  
2294 such product for safety or efficacy; and

2295 (4) If such product is intended to be inhaled, a clear and conspicuous  
2296 warning statement disclosing that smoking or vaporizing is hazardous  
2297 to human health.

2298 (y) No manufacturer hemp product that is a topical, soap or cosmetic,  
2299 as defined in section 21a-92, shall be distributed or sold in this state  
2300 unless such product is contained within a package, or a label is affixed  
2301 to such package, that includes:

2302 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response  
2303 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form extract  
2304 or final form product batch by an independent testing laboratory and  
2305 discloses:

2306 (A) The name of such product;

2307 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's  
2308 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;

2309 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such  
2310 package or label; and

2311 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such batch,  
2312 including, but not limited to, total THC and any marketed cannabinoids;

2313 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable; and

2314 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing the following:

2315 "THE FDA HAS NOT EVALUATED THIS PRODUCT FOR SAFETY  
2316 OR EFFICACY."

2317 [(z) Any violation of subsections (u) to (y), inclusive, of this section

2318 shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection  
2319 (a) of section 42-110b.]

2320 [(aa)] (z) Not later than October 31, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
2321 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, in  
2322 consultation with the Department of Consumer Protection, publish a  
2323 training bulletin to inform local law enforcement agencies and officers  
2324 regarding the investigation and enforcement standards concerning  
2325 cannabis and high-THC hemp products.

2326 [(bb)] (aa) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes: (1)  
2327 CBD that is found in manufacturer hemp products shall not be  
2328 considered a controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240, as  
2329 amended by this act, or legend drug, as defined in section 20-571; and  
2330 (2) CBD derived from hemp and contained in manufacturer hemp  
2331 products shall not be considered a controlled substance or adulterant.

2332 (bb) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the  
2333 shipment or transportation through this state of any hemp that is  
2334 lawfully produced under federal law.

2335 Sec. 26. Subsection (c) of section 22-61n of the 2024 supplement to the  
2336 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2337 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2338 (c) Hemp or hemp products purchased by a producer, cultivator,  
2339 micro-cultivator, [or] product manufacturer or food and beverage  
2340 manufacturer from a third party shall be tracked as a separate batch  
2341 throughout the manufacturing process in order to document the  
2342 disposition of such hemp or hemp products. Once hemp or hemp  
2343 products are received by a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, [or]  
2344 product manufacturer or food and beverage manufacturer, such hemp  
2345 or hemp products shall be deemed cannabis and shall comply with the  
2346 requirements for cannabis contained in the applicable provisions of the  
2347 general statutes and any regulations adopted pursuant to such  
2348 provisions. A producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, [and] product  
2349 manufacturer and food and beverage manufacturer shall retain a copy

2350 of the certificate of analysis for purchased hemp or hemp products and  
2351 invoice and transport documents that evidence the quantity purchased  
2352 and date received.

2353 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2354 (1) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in  
2355 section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

2356 (2) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420  
2357 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

2358 (3) "Container" (A) means an object that is sold to a consumer and  
2359 directly contains (i) a manufacturer hemp product, or (ii) a moderate-  
2360 THC hemp product, and (B) does not include an object that indirectly  
2361 contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes, (i) a  
2362 manufacturer hemp product, or (ii) a moderate-THC hemp product;

2363 (4) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l of the  
2364 general statutes;

2365 (5) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as provided  
2366 in section 22-61l of the general statutes;

2367 (6) "Moderate-THC hemp product" (A) means raw hemp, or a  
2368 manufacturer hemp product, that has total THC, as defined in section  
2369 21a-240 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, of not less than  
2370 one-half of one milligram, and not more than five milligrams, on a per-  
2371 container basis, and (B) does not include an infused beverage, as defined  
2372 in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

2373 (7) "Moderate-THC hemp product vendor" means a person that (A)  
2374 holds a certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner of  
2375 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section, and (B) is not a cannabis  
2376 establishment.

2377 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, no person shall sell any moderate-  
2378 THC hemp product in the state unless such person is a cannabis

2379 establishment or holds a certificate of registration issued by the  
2380 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

2381 (c) (1) Beginning on January 1, 2025, a person seeking a certificate of  
2382 registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall submit to  
2383 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner  
2384 prescribed by the commissioner, an application accompanied by a  
2385 nonrefundable application fee in the amount of two thousand dollars.  
2386 Such application shall, at a minimum, disclose the location in the state  
2387 where such person sells, at retail, moderate-THC hemp products to  
2388 consumers, and information sufficient for the commissioner to  
2389 determine that, during the preceding year, at least seventy-five per cent  
2390 of the average monthly gross revenue generated at such location was  
2391 derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp products to  
2392 consumers. The commissioner shall not issue a certificate of registration  
2393 as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor unless the commissioner has  
2394 determined that the applicant satisfies such minimum sales threshold.  
2395 Each such certificate shall expire annually, and shall allow the  
2396 moderate-THC hemp product vendor to sell, at retail, moderate-THC  
2397 hemp products to consumers at such location.

2398 (2) Each certificate issued pursuant to this section shall be renewable  
2399 for additional one-year periods. Each moderate-THC hemp product  
2400 vendor seeking renewal shall submit to the Commissioner of Consumer  
2401 Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, a  
2402 renewal application accompanied by a nonrefundable renewal  
2403 application fee in the amount of two thousand dollars. Such application  
2404 shall, at a minimum, disclose information sufficient for the  
2405 commissioner to determine that, during the preceding registration year,  
2406 at least seventy-five per cent of the average monthly gross revenue  
2407 generated at the moderate-THC hemp product vendor's registered retail  
2408 location was derived from sales, at retail, of moderate-THC hemp  
2409 products to consumers. The commissioner shall not issue a renewal to a  
2410 moderate-THC hemp product vendor unless the commissioner has  
2411 determined that the moderate-THC hemp product vendor satisfied such  
2412 minimum sales threshold.

2413 (3) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be  
2414 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established  
2415 in section 21a-8a of the general statutes.

2416 (d) No person may act as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor, or  
2417 represent that such person is a moderate-THC hemp product vendor,  
2418 unless such person has obtained and actively holds a certificate of  
2419 registration as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor issued by the  
2420 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

2421 (e) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product  
2422 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-  
2423 THC hemp product vendor, shall sell a moderate-THC hemp product to  
2424 any individual who is younger than twenty-one years of age. Prior to  
2425 selling any moderate-THC hemp product to an individual, the cannabis  
2426 establishment, moderate-THC hemp product vendor, agent or  
2427 employee shall first verify the individual's age with a valid government-  
2428 issued driver's license or identity card to establish that such individual  
2429 is twenty-one years of age or older.

2430 (f) No person shall sell any moderate-THC hemp product intended  
2431 for human ingestion in packaging that includes more than two  
2432 containers.

2433 (g) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet the standards set  
2434 forth for manufacturer hemp products in subsections (v), (w) and (x) of  
2435 section 22-61m of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

2436 (h) All moderate-THC hemp products shall meet (1) the testing  
2437 standards for manufacturer hemp products established in, and any  
2438 regulations adopted pursuant to, section 22-61m of the general statutes,  
2439 as amended by this act, or (2) such other testing standards for  
2440 manufacturer hemp products as the Commissioner of Consumer  
2441 Protection, in the commissioner's discretion, may designate.

2442 (i) Each moderate-THC hemp product container shall prominently  
2443 display a symbol, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch

2444 and in a format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
2445 that indicates that such moderate-THC hemp product is not legal or safe  
2446 for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age.

2447 (j) No cannabis establishment or moderate-THC hemp product  
2448 vendor, or agent or employee of a cannabis establishment or moderate-  
2449 THC hemp product vendor, shall gift or transfer any moderate-THC  
2450 hemp product at no cost to a consumer as part of a commercial  
2451 transaction.

2452 (k) Each moderate-THC hemp product vendor shall be subject to the  
2453 investigation and enforcement provisions set forth in section 21a-421p  
2454 of the general statutes.

2455 (l) Following a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter 54 of  
2456 the general statutes, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may  
2457 impose an administrative civil penalty, not to exceed five thousand  
2458 dollars per violation, and suspend, revoke or place conditions upon any  
2459 moderate-THC hemp product vendor that violates any provision of this  
2460 section or any regulation adopted pursuant to subsection (m) of this  
2461 section. Any administrative civil penalty collected under this subsection  
2462 shall be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account  
2463 established in section 21a-8a of the general statutes.

2464 (m) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt  
2465 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
2466 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.  
2467 Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive,  
2468 of the general statutes, the commissioner shall, prior to adopting such  
2469 regulations and in order to effectuate the provisions of this section, issue  
2470 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section that  
2471 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all  
2472 policies and procedures on the Department of Consumer Protection's  
2473 Internet web site, and submit such policies and procedures to the  
2474 Secretary of the State for posting on the eRegulations System, at least  
2475 fifteen days prior to the effective date of any policy or procedure. Any



2476 such policy or procedure shall no longer be effective upon the earlier of  
2477 either the adoption of the policy or procedure as a final regulation under  
2478 section 4-172 of the general statutes or forty-eight months from July 1,  
2479 2024, if such regulations have not been submitted to the legislative  
2480 regulation review committee for consideration under section 4-170 of  
2481 the general statutes.

2482 Sec. 28. Section 21a-93 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
2483 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2484 *January 1, 2025*):

2485 The following acts and the causing thereof shall be prohibited: (1) The  
2486 sale in intrastate commerce of any food, drug, device or cosmetic that is  
2487 adulterated or misbranded; (2) the adulteration or misbranding of any  
2488 food, drug, device or cosmetic in intrastate commerce; (3) the receipt in  
2489 intrastate commerce of any food, drug, device or cosmetic that is  
2490 adulterated or misbranded, and the sale thereof in such commerce for  
2491 pay or otherwise; (4) the introduction or delivery for introduction into  
2492 intrastate commerce of (A) any food in violation of section 21a-103 or (B)  
2493 any new drug in violation of section 21a-110; (5) the dissemination  
2494 within this state, in any manner or by any means or through any  
2495 medium, of any false advertisement; (6) the refusal to permit (A) entry  
2496 and the taking of a sample or specimen or the making of an investigation  
2497 as authorized by section 21a-116, or (B) access to or copying of any  
2498 record as authorized by section 21a-117; (7) the refusal to permit entry  
2499 or inspection as authorized by section 21a-118; (8) the giving of a  
2500 guaranty or undertaking in intrastate commerce, referred to in  
2501 subsection (c) of section 21a-95, that is false; (9) the forging,  
2502 counterfeiting, simulating or falsely representing, or, without proper  
2503 authority, using, any mark, stamp, tag, label or other identification  
2504 device authorized or required by regulations promulgated under the  
2505 provisions of this chapter or of the federal act; (10) the alteration,  
2506 mutilation, destruction, obliteration or removal of the whole or any part  
2507 of the labeling of a food, drug, device or cosmetic, or the doing of any  
2508 other act with respect to a food, drug, device or cosmetic, or the labeling  
2509 or advertisement thereof, which results in a violation of this chapter; (11)

2510 the using in interstate commerce, in the labeling or advertisement of any  
2511 drug, of any representation or suggestion that an application with  
2512 respect to such drug is effective under Section 355 of the federal act or  
2513 under section 21a-110, or that such drug complies with the provisions  
2514 of either such section; (12) the violation of any provision of section 21a-  
2515 108; (13) in the case of a prescription drug distributed or offered for sale  
2516 in this state, the failure of the manufacturer, packer or distributor  
2517 thereof to maintain for transmittal, or to transmit, to any practitioner  
2518 licensed by applicable state law to administer such drug who makes  
2519 written request for information as to such drug, true and correct copies  
2520 of all printed matter which is required to be included in any package in  
2521 which that drug is distributed or sold, or such other printed matter as is  
2522 approved by the commissioner or under the federal act. Nothing in this  
2523 subdivision shall be construed to exempt any person from any labeling  
2524 requirement imposed by or under other provisions of this chapter  
2525 unless specifically exempted under the federal act, as effective on April  
2526 26, 1974; (14) the using by any person to his own advantage, or  
2527 revealing, other than to the commissioner or his duly authorized agents  
2528 or to the courts when relevant in any judicial proceeding under this  
2529 chapter, of any information acquired under authority of this chapter  
2530 concerning any method, process, substance or any other subject which  
2531 as a trade secret is entitled to protection; (15) (A) placing or causing to  
2532 be placed upon any drug or device or upon the container of any drug or  
2533 device, with intent to defraud, the trademark, trade name or other  
2534 identifying mark, imprint or device of another or any likeness thereof;  
2535 or (B) selling, dispensing, disposing of or causing to be sold, dispensed  
2536 or disposed of or concealing or keeping in possession, control or  
2537 custody, with intent to sell, dispense or dispose of, any drug, device or  
2538 any container thereof transported, received or held for transportation in  
2539 commerce, with knowledge that the trademark, trade name or other  
2540 identifying mark, imprint or device of another or any likeness thereof  
2541 has been placed thereon in a manner prohibited by subparagraph (A) of  
2542 this subdivision; or (C) making, selling, disposing of or causing to be  
2543 made, sold or disposed of or keeping in possession, control or custody,  
2544 or concealing, with intent to defraud, any punch, die, plate, stone or

2545 other thing designed to print, imprint or reproduce the trademark, trade  
2546 name or other identifying mark, imprint or device of another or any  
2547 likeness thereof upon any drug, device or container thereof; (16) failing  
2548 to demonstrate adherence to applicable provisions of United States  
2549 Pharmacopeia, Chapter 797, Pharmaceutical Compounding - Sterile  
2550 Preparations, as amended from time to time, concerning compounding  
2551 or preparation of sterile drugs; [or] (17) failing to demonstrate  
2552 adherence to applicable provisions of United States Pharmacopeia,  
2553 Chapter 795, Pharmaceutical Compounding - Nonsterile Preparations,  
2554 as amended from time to time, concerning compounding or preparation  
2555 of nonsterile drugs; or (18) selling any moderate-THC hemp product, as  
2556 defined in section 27 of this act, without first obtaining a license as a  
2557 cannabis establishment, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended by  
2558 this act, or registering as a moderate-THC hemp product vendor  
2559 pursuant to section 27 of this act.

2560 Sec. 29. Subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the general statutes is  
2561 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2562 *2024*):

2563 (b) (1) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic  
2564 liquor in sealed bottles or containers not to be consumed on the permit  
2565 premises. The holder of a package store permit may, in accordance with  
2566 regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection  
2567 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54, (A) offer free samples of  
2568 alcoholic liquor for tasting on the permit premises, (B) conduct fee-  
2569 based wine education and tasting classes and demonstrations, and (C)  
2570 conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a permittee or backer  
2571 of the package store for a nominal charge to charitable nonprofit  
2572 organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine education and tasting class or  
2573 demonstration held on permit premises shall be conducted only during  
2574 the hours the package store may sell alcoholic liquor under section 30-  
2575 91. No tasting of wine on the permit premises shall be offered from more  
2576 than ten uncorked bottles at any one time.

2577 (2) No store operating under a package store permit shall sell any

2578 commodity other than alcoholic liquor except, notwithstanding any  
2579 other provision of law, such store may sell (A) cigarettes and cigars, (B)  
2580 publications, (C) bar utensils, including, but not limited to, corkscrews,  
2581 beverage strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume, or  
2582 related to the consumption of, alcoholic liquor, (D) gift packages of  
2583 alcoholic liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state  
2584 shipper, which gift packages may include nonalcoholic items, other than  
2585 food or tobacco products, if the dollar value of the nonalcoholic items in  
2586 such gift package does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items  
2587 in such gift package, (E) complementary fresh fruits used in the  
2588 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (F) cheese, crackers or both,  
2589 (G) olives, (H) nonalcoholic beverages, (I) concentrates used in the  
2590 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (J) beer and wine-making kits  
2591 and products related to such kits, (K) ice in any form, (L) articles of  
2592 clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor  
2593 industry, (M) gift baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, (N)  
2594 multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, provided in all such cases the  
2595 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, (O)  
2596 lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection, if  
2597 licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by the department, (P) devices  
2598 and related accessories designed primarily for accessing and extracting  
2599 a beverage containing alcohol from prepackaged containers, including,  
2600 but not limited to, pods, pouches or similar containers, but excluding  
2601 devices, including, but not limited to, household blenders, that are not  
2602 designed primarily for such purposes, (Q) alcohol-infused confections  
2603 containing not more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by weight  
2604 and which the commissioner has approved for sale under section 21a-  
2605 101, [and] (R) gift baskets containing only containers of alcoholic liquor  
2606 and commodities authorized for sale under subparagraphs (A) to (Q),  
2607 inclusive, of this subdivision, (S) infused beverages, as defined in section  
2608 21a-420, as amended by this act, provided (i) the package store permittee  
2609 (I) paid to the department the annual fee for an infused beverage  
2610 endorsement pursuant to this subdivision, and (II) purchased such  
2611 infused beverages from the holder of a wholesaler permit or a  
2612 wholesaler permit for beer issued under section 30-17, and (ii) such sales

2613 are made in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of this act, and  
2614 (T) legacy infused beverages, as defined in section 7 of this act, provided  
2615 all such sales shall be made (i) during the period beginning on July 1,  
2616 2024, and ending September 30, 2024, and (ii) in accordance with (I) a  
2617 waiver issued pursuant to section 7 of this act, and (II) the requirements  
2618 set forth in section 7 of this act. A package store permit shall also allow  
2619 the taking and transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise  
2620 in other states. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package  
2621 store permit shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket promotion  
2622 or giveaway sponsored by the department. The annual fee for a package  
2623 store permit shall be five hundred thirty-five dollars. The annual fee for  
2624 an infused beverage endorsement to a package store permit shall be five  
2625 hundred dollars, and shall be deposited by the department in the  
2626 consumer protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a.

2627       Sec. 30. Section 30-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2628 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2629       (a) No holder of any manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state  
2630 shipper's permit shall ship, transport or deliver within this state, or sell  
2631 or offer for sale, any alcoholic liquors, except for beer manufactured by  
2632 a permittee in this state and sold for consumption only on the  
2633 permittee's premises, unless the name of the brand, trade name or other  
2634 distinctive characteristic by which such alcoholic liquors are bought and  
2635 sold, the name and address of the manufacturer thereof and the name  
2636 and address of each wholesaler permittee who is authorized by the  
2637 manufacturer or his authorized representative to sell such alcoholic  
2638 liquors are registered with the Department of Consumer Protection and  
2639 until such brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic has been  
2640 approved by the department. Such registration shall be valid for a  
2641 period of three years. The fee for such registration, or renewal thereof,  
2642 shall be two hundred dollars for out-of-state shippers and fifteen dollars  
2643 for Connecticut manufacturers for each brand so registered, payable by  
2644 the manufacturer or such manufacturer's authorized representative  
2645 when such liquors are manufactured in the United States and by the  
2646 importer or such importer's authorized representative when such

2647 liquors are imported into the United States. The department shall not  
2648 approve the brand registration of any fortified wine, as defined in  
2649 section 12-433, which is labeled, packaged or canned so as to appear to  
2650 be a wine or liquor cooler, as defined in section 12-433.

2651 (b) No manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper permittee  
2652 shall discriminate in any manner in price discounts between one  
2653 permittee and another on sales or purchases of alcoholic liquors bearing  
2654 the same brand or trade name and of like age, size and quality, nor shall  
2655 such manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper permittee allow  
2656 in any form any discount, rebate, free goods, allowance or other  
2657 inducement for the purpose of making sales or purchases. Nothing in  
2658 this subsection shall be construed to prohibit beer manufacturers, beer  
2659 wholesalers or beer out-of-state shipper permittees from differentiating  
2660 in the manner in which their products are packaged on the basis of on-  
2661 site or off-site consumption.

2662 (c) For alcoholic liquor other than beer, each manufacturer,  
2663 wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee shall post with the  
2664 department, on a monthly basis, the bottle, can and case price of any  
2665 brand of goods offered for sale in Connecticut, which price when so  
2666 posted shall be the controlling price for such manufacturer, wholesaler  
2667 or out-of-state permittee for the month following such posting. On and  
2668 after July 1, 2005, for beer, each manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-  
2669 state shipper permittee shall post with the department, on a monthly  
2670 basis, the bottle, can and case price, and the price per keg or barrel or  
2671 fractional unit thereof for any brand of goods offered for sale in  
2672 Connecticut which price when so posted shall be the controlling price  
2673 for such brand of goods offered for sale in this state for the month  
2674 following such posting. Such manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state  
2675 shipper permittee may also post additional prices for such bottle, can,  
2676 case, keg or barrel or fractional unit thereof for a specified portion of the  
2677 following month which prices when so posted shall be the controlling  
2678 prices for such bottle, can, case, keg or barrel or fractional unit thereof  
2679 for such specified portion of the following month. Notice of all  
2680 manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee prices

2681 shall be given to permittee purchasers by direct mail, Internet web site  
2682 or advertising in a trade publication having circulation among the retail  
2683 permittees except a wholesaler permittee may give such notice by hand  
2684 delivery. Price postings with the department setting forth wholesale  
2685 prices to retailers shall be available for inspection during regular  
2686 business hours at the offices of the department by manufacturers and  
2687 wholesalers until three o'clock p.m. of the first business day after the last  
2688 day for posting prices. A manufacturer or wholesaler may amend such  
2689 manufacturer's or wholesaler's posted price for any month to meet a  
2690 lower price posted by another manufacturer or wholesaler with respect  
2691 to alcoholic liquor bearing the same brand or trade name and of like age,  
2692 vintage, quality and unit container size; provided that any such  
2693 amended price posting shall be filed before three o'clock p.m. of the  
2694 fourth business day after the last day for posting prices; and provided  
2695 further such amended posting shall not set forth prices lower than those  
2696 being met. Any manufacturer or wholesaler posting an amended price  
2697 shall, at the time of posting, identify in writing the specific posting being  
2698 met. On and after July 1, 2005, all wholesaler postings, other than for  
2699 beer, for the following month shall be provided to retail permittees not  
2700 later than the twenty-seventh day of the month prior to such posting.  
2701 All wholesaler postings for beer shall be provided to retail permittees  
2702 not later than the twentieth day of the month prior to such posting.

2703 (d) Monthly price schedules on a family brand case shall contain the  
2704 bottle price for each item contained in the family brand case, the unit  
2705 price and the case price. The bottle price posted for a family brand case  
2706 shall be equal to the bottle price posted for the same month in a case  
2707 containing the one class and specific brand of alcoholic liquor. For  
2708 purposes of this subsection, "family brand" means a group of different  
2709 products belonging to a single brand that are marketed under a parent  
2710 brand. Family brand cases shall be assembled and packaged by the  
2711 supplier or by a third party, on behalf of the supplier, and shall not be  
2712 assembled by the wholesaler.

2713 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale or  
2714 distribution of infused beverages, as defined in section 21a-420, as

2715 amended by this act.

2716 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2717 section:

2718 (1) "Container" has the same meaning as provided in section 6 of this  
2719 act; and

2720 (2) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
2721 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

2722 (b) A fee of one dollar shall be assessed by the holder of a wholesaler  
2723 permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under section 30-17 of the  
2724 general statutes on each infused beverage container sold to the holder  
2725 of a package store permit issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20 of  
2726 the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such fee shall not be subject  
2727 to any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to any provision of the  
2728 general statutes.

2729 (c) On January 2, 2025, and every six months thereafter, each holder  
2730 of a wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under  
2731 section 30-17 of the general statutes shall remit payment to the  
2732 department for each infused beverage container sold during the  
2733 preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department  
2734 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer  
2735 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the  
2736 general statutes for the purposes of (1) protecting public health and  
2737 safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring  
2738 compliance with cannabis and liquor control laws.

2739 Sec. 32. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Notwithstanding the provisions  
2740 of section 21a-8a of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Consumer  
2741 Protection shall, upon request by the Attorney General, execute an  
2742 agreement with the Attorney General pursuant to which the  
2743 Department of Consumer Protection shall provide to the Office of the  
2744 Attorney General, from such funds as may be available in the consumer  
2745 protection enforcement account established in said section, such funds



2746 as may be necessary for said office to pay for personal services and other  
 2747 enforcement expenses incurred by said office in enforcing the provisions  
 2748 of RERACA, as defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as  
 2749 amended by this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	21a-240
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	21a-408
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 4	July 1, 2024	21a-420
Sec. 5	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 6	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 7	from passage	New section
Sec. 8	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 9	July 1, 2024	21a-420c
Sec. 10	October 1, 2024	21a-420c
Sec. 11	July 1, 2024	21a-420d(k)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2024	21a-420e(c)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2024	21a-420g(b)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2024	21a-420m(b)
Sec. 15	July 1, 2024	21a-420o
Sec. 16	July 1, 2024	21a-420p
Sec. 17	July 1, 2024	21a-420u(b)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2024	21a-420w(d)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2024	21a-420x(d)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2024	21a-420y
Sec. 21	July 1, 2024	21a-421e
Sec. 22	July 1, 2024	21a-421j(b)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2024	21a-421l(b)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2024	21a-421bb(b)
Sec. 25	July 1, 2024	22-61m
Sec. 26	July 1, 2024	22-61n(c)
Sec. 27	January 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 28	January 1, 2025	21a-93
Sec. 29	July 1, 2024	30-20(b)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2024	30-63
Sec. 31	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 32	July 1, 2024	New section

