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REP. LUXENBERG, 12 <sup>th</sup> Dist.	REP. WINKLER, 56 <sup>th</sup> Dist.
REP. MCGEE, 5 <sup>th</sup> Dist.	REP. YOUNG, 120 <sup>th</sup> Dist.
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**AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Permit the retail sale of

2 marijuana to adults twenty-one years of age or older; (2) provide that a  
3 certain percentage of revenue generated from taxation on such sale be  
4 allocated toward (A) providing drug awareness education, substance  
5 abuse treatment and efforts to curb abuse of opiates and other harmful  
6 substances, (B) ensuring the marijuana is tested for illicit substances  
7 and potency, (C) studying the impact of marijuana legalization and  
8 consumption, (D) funding the placement of drug-prevention officers in  
9 schools, and (E) creating a public outreach campaign to prevent  
10 distracted driving and driving under the influence of marijuana; (3)  
11 require the Department of Consumer Protection to provide oversight  
12 and regulations of the retail sale and use of marijuana, unless there is a  
13 specific provision for another agency to adopt certain regulations; (4)  
14 require all marijuana of a certain potency be labeled as such and that  
15 such marijuana be packaged in a child-safe manner; (5) provide that  
16 licensed dispensaries, as defined in section 21a-408 of the general  
17 statutes, have initial access to recreational licensing and that the  
18 Department of Consumer Protection shall develop guidelines for  
19 issuing new recreational licenses to unlicensed dispensaries; (6) require  
20 roadside testing of impaired drivers and if a driver is found driving  
21 with at least five nanograms of tetrahydrocannabinol per milliliter in  
22 his or her blood or to have consumed marijuana in the previous two  
23 hours, under the influence laws shall apply; (7) provide for separate  
24 statutory schemes for palliative and recreational use of marijuana; (8)  
25 allow the growth of not more than six marijuana plants for personal  
26 use; (9) ensure that marijuana for palliative use is not subjected to a  
27 retail sales or excise sales tax; (10) require that consumers transport  
28 marijuana in a sealed container; (11) prohibit the public consumption  
29 of recreational marijuana; (12) prohibit any type of marketing and  
30 advertising of the sale of recreational marijuana; (13) require that  
31 twenty-five per cent of licenses issued by the Department of Consumer  
32 Protection for growers, processors, wholesalers and retailers of  
33 recreational marijuana are located in enterprise zones; (14) allow  
34 retailers to deliver directly to the consumer; and (15) expunge  
35 marijuana possession offenses from anyone convicted for marijuana  
36 possession.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize and regulate the sale and adult use of marijuana in this state.