



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6539

January Session, 2021



AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE USE OF KRATOM IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "kratom"
2 means the leaves of the tree species *mitragyna speciosa* in any form that
3 may be inhaled, ingested or injected into the human body.

4 (b) The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the
5 Department of Consumer Protection, the Department of Mental Health
6 and Addiction Services and the Division of Criminal Justice, shall
7 conduct a study of the use of kratom in this state. Such study shall
8 include, but need not be limited to, (1) an estimation of (A) the total use
9 of kratom across the population, (B) the number of persons under the
10 age of twenty-one who are using or have used kratom, and (C) the rate
11 of addiction to or dependency on kratom by persons who use kratom;
12 (2) a description of the method of consumption or use of kratom,
13 including the various ways in which kratom is being inhaled, ingested
14 or injected, the form of such kratom when being consumed or used, and
15 a breakdown by percentage of such consumption or use; (3) an
16 examination and description of any bona fide medicinal or palliative
17 uses for kratom; and (4) the feasibility and estimated efficacy of a
18 prohibition on (A) the sale or possession of kratom on all persons, (B)

