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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF CANNABIS,  
CANNABIS PRODUCTS AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-421j of the 2022 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter  
5 54 to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding the  
6 requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to effectuate  
7 the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and safety, prior to  
8 adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue policies and  
9 procedures to implement the provisions of RERACA that shall have the  
10 force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all policies and  
11 procedures on the department's Internet web site and submit such  
12 policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on the  
13 eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date of  
14 any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer  
15 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or

16 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight  
17 months from June 22, 2021, if such regulations have not been submitted  
18 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under  
19 section 4-170. The commissioner shall issue policies and procedures and  
20 thereafter final regulations that include, but are not limited to, the  
21 following:

22 (1) Setting appropriate dosage, potency, concentration and serving  
23 size limits and delineation requirements for cannabis, provided a  
24 standardized serving of edible cannabis product or beverage, other than  
25 a medical marijuana product, shall contain not more than five  
26 milligrams of THC;

27 (2) Requiring that each single standardized serving of cannabis  
28 product in a multiple-serving edible product or beverage is physically  
29 demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to determine how  
30 much of the product constitutes a single serving and a maximum  
31 amount of THC per multiple-serving edible cannabis product or  
32 beverage;

33 (3) Requiring that, if it is impracticable to clearly demark every  
34 standardized serving of cannabis product or to make each standardized  
35 serving easily separable in an edible cannabis product or beverage, the  
36 product, other than cannabis concentrate or medical marijuana product,  
37 shall contain not more than five milligrams of THC per unit of sale;

38 (4) Establishing, in consultation with the Department of Mental  
39 Health and Addiction Services, consumer health materials that shall be  
40 posted or distributed, as specified by the commissioner, by cannabis  
41 establishments to maximize dissemination to cannabis consumers.  
42 Consumer health materials may include pamphlets, packaging inserts,  
43 signage, online and printed advertisements and advisories and printed  
44 health materials;

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

48 (A) A universal symbol to indicate that cannabis or a cannabis  
49 product contains cannabis, and prescribe how such product and  
50 product packaging shall utilize and exhibit such symbol;

51 (B) A disclosure concerning the length of time it typically takes for  
52 the cannabis to affect an individual, including that certain forms of  
53 cannabis take longer to have an effect;

54 (C) A notation of the amount of cannabis the cannabis product is  
55 considered the equivalent to;

56 (D) A list of ingredients and all additives for cannabis;

57 (E) Child-resistant packaging including requiring that an edible  
58 product be individually wrapped;

59 (F) Product tracking information sufficient to determine where and  
60 when the cannabis was grown and manufactured such that a product  
61 recall could be effectuated;

62 (G) A net weight statement;

63 (H) A recommended use by or expiration date; and

64 (I) Standard and uniform packaging and labeling, including, but not  
65 limited to, requirements (i) regarding branding or logos, (ii) that all  
66 packaging be opaque, and (iii) that amounts and concentrations of THC  
67 and cannabidiol, per serving and per package, be clearly marked on the  
68 packaging or label of any cannabis product sold;

69 (6) Establishing laboratory testing standards;

70 (7) Restricting forms of cannabis products and cannabis product  
71 delivery systems to ensure consumer safety and deter public health  
72 concerns;

73 (8) Prohibiting certain manufacturing methods, or inclusion of  
74 additives to cannabis products, including, but not limited to, (A) added  
75 flavoring, terpenes or other additives unless approved by the

76 department, or (B) any form of nicotine or other additive containing  
77 nicotine;

78 (9) Prohibiting cannabis product types that appeal to children;

79 (10) Establishing physical and cyber security requirements related to  
80 build out, monitoring and protocols for cannabis establishments as a  
81 requirement for licensure;

82 (11) Placing temporary limits on the sale of cannabis in the adult-use  
83 market, if deemed appropriate and necessary by the commissioner, in  
84 response to a shortage of cannabis for qualifying patients;

85 (12) Requiring retailers and hybrid retailers to make best efforts to  
86 provide access to (A) low-dose THC products, including products that  
87 have one milligram and two and a half milligrams of THC per dose, and  
88 (B) high-dose CBD products;

89 (13) Requiring producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product  
90 manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers to register brand  
91 names for cannabis, in accordance with the policies and procedures and  
92 subject to the fee set forth in, regulations adopted under chapter 420f;

93 (14) Prohibiting a cannabis establishment from selling, other than the  
94 sale of medical marijuana products between cannabis establishments  
95 and the sale of cannabis to qualified patients and caregivers, (A)  
96 cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material with a total THC  
97 concentration greater than thirty per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (B)  
98 any cannabis product other than cannabis flower and cannabis plant  
99 material with a total THC concentration greater than sixty per cent on a  
100 dry-weight basis, except that the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this  
101 subdivision shall not apply to the sale of prefilled cartridges for use in  
102 an electronic cannabis delivery system, as defined in section 19a-342a  
103 and the department may adjust the percentages set forth in  
104 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision in regulations adopted  
105 pursuant to this section for purposes of public health or to address  
106 market access or shortage. As used in this subdivision, "total THC" has

107 the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240 and "cannabis plant  
108 material" means material from the cannabis plant, as defined in section  
109 21a-279a; [and]

110 (15) Permitting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis; and

111 (16) On and after January 1, 2023, requiring retailers and hybrid  
112 retailers to provide consumers the document developed pursuant to  
113 section 2 of this act concerning the safe storage of cannabis and cannabis  
114 products at the time of purchase.

115 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Not later than December 1, 2022,  
116 the Department of Consumer Protection shall develop documents  
117 concerning the safe storage by consumers of (1) prescription drugs, as  
118 defined in section 19a-754b of the general statutes, and (2) cannabis, as  
119 defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, and cannabis  
120 products, as defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes. Such  
121 documents shall contain, but need not be limited to, information  
122 concerning best practices for (A) storing prescription drugs and  
123 cannabis and cannabis products in a manner that renders such items  
124 inaccessible to children, and (B) disposal of unused and expired  
125 prescription drugs and cannabis and cannabis products. Not later than  
126 December 15, 2022, the department shall make such documents  
127 available on its Internet web site and electronically distribute the  
128 document concerning prescription drugs to pharmacies, as defined in  
129 section 20-635 of the general statutes, and the document concerning  
130 cannabis and cannabis products to retailers, as defined in section 21a-  
131 420 of the general statutes, and hybrid retailers, as defined in section  
132 21a-420 of the general statutes.

133 Sec. 3. Section 20-617 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
134 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

135 (NEW) (d) On and after January 1, 2023, each pharmacist shall  
136 include with the receipt or packaging in which the prescription is  
137 contained a copy of the document developed by the Department of  
138 Consumer Protection pursuant to section 2 of this act, concerning the

139 safe storage of prescription drugs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	21a-421j
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	20-617

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require (1) the Department of Consumer Protection to develop and distribute documents concerning the safe storage of cannabis, cannabis products and prescription drugs, and (2) cannabis retailers and hybrid retailers and pharmacists to distribute such documents to consumers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*