

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6718**

January Session, 2023

LCO No. 5371

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-636 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) [Not later than January 1, 2023, each] Each pharmacy, as defined
4 in section 20-635, shall post a sign in a conspicuous place on the
5 premises of such pharmacy, notifying consumers that they may visit the
6 Internet web site of the Department of Consumer Protection for
7 information concerning the safe storage of prescription drugs and
8 disposal of unused and expired prescription drugs.

9 (b) On and after January 1, 2024, each pharmacy shall affix a
10 fluorescent orange sticker or label to each container or packaging in
11 which an opioid drug, as defined in section 20-14o, or controlled
12 substance in schedule II, III, IV or V is sold or dispensed, containing the
13 following statement in black ink:

14 "DANGER TO CHILDREN

15 KEEP OUT OF REACH".

16 Sec. 2. Section 21a-422t of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

18 (a) [Not later than January 1, 2023, each] Each dispensary facility, as

19 defined in section 21a-420, retailer, as defined in section 21a-420, and
20 hybrid retailer, as defined in section 21a-420, shall post a sign in a
21 conspicuous place on the premises of such retailer or hybrid retailer
22 notifying consumers that they may visit the Internet web site of the
23 Department of Consumer Protection for information concerning the safe
24 storage of cannabis and cannabis products and disposal of unused and
25 expired cannabis and cannabis products.

26 (b) On and after January 1, 2024, each dispensary facility, retailer,
27 hybrid retailer and micro-cultivator, as defined in section 21a-420, shall
28 affix a fluorescent orange sticker or label to each container or packaging
29 containing cannabis or cannabis products, containing the following
30 statement in black ink:

31 "DANGER TO CHILDREN

32 KEEP OUT OF REACH".

33 *Sec. 3. (Effective from passage)* Not later than December 31, 2023, the
34 Department of Consumer Protection shall design and produce the
35 stickers or labels described in subsection (b) of section 20-636 of the
36 general statutes, as amended by this act, and subsection (b) of section
37 21a-422t of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and distribute a
38 quantity of such stickers or labels deemed sufficient by the department
39 to each pharmacy, dispensary facility, retailer, hybrid retailer and
40 micro-cultivator.

41 *Sec. 4. (Effective from passage)* Not later than July 1, 2024, the
42 Department of Consumer Protection shall, in consultation with the
43 Departments of Public Health and Children and Families, develop and
44 administer a social media public awareness campaign concerning the
45 safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs, cannabis, cannabis
46 products and illegal drugs and the dangers such drugs and products
47 pose to children. The Department of Consumer Protection shall not
48 terminate such campaign until June 30, 2026, at the earliest. For the
49 purposes of this section, "social media" has the same meaning as

50 provided in section 9-601 of the general statutes.

51 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2024, the
52 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, in
53 collaboration with providers of substance use disorder treatment
54 services and organizations serving individuals experiencing
55 homelessness, develop and administer a public awareness campaign
56 concerning the safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs,
57 cannabis, cannabis products and illegal drugs and the dangers such
58 drugs and products pose to children. Such campaign shall (1) include,
59 but need not be limited to, the state-wide delivery of such information
60 to individuals (A) receiving treatment for substance use disorders, and
61 (B) experiencing homelessness, and (2) not terminate any earlier than
62 June 30, 2026.

63 Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
64 sections 17a-674c and 17a-674d of the general statutes, the sum of four
65 hundred thousand dollars shall be allocated from the Opioid Settlement
66 Fund to the Department of Consumer Protection, for the fiscal year
67 ending June 30, 2024, for costs associated with the production and
68 distribution of stickers and labels required pursuant to subsection (b) of
69 section 20-636 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to
70 pharmacies.

71 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
72 section 21a-420f of the general statutes, the sum of four hundred
73 thousand dollars shall be allocated from the Prevention and Recovery
74 Services Fund to the Department of Consumer Protection, for the fiscal
75 year ending June 30, 2024, for costs associated with the production and
76 distribution of stickers and labels required pursuant to subsection (b) of
77 section 21a-422t of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to
78 dispensary facilities, retailers, hybrid retailers and micro-cultivators.

79 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of two hundred thousand
80 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Consumer Protection from
81 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for the

82 purpose of hiring a full-time employee to investigate reported violations
83 of subsection (b) of section 20-636 of the general statutes, as amended by
84 this act, and subsection (b) of section 21a-422t of the general statutes, as
85 amended by this act.

86 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of two hundred thousand
87 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Consumer Protection from
88 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the
89 purpose of hiring a full-time employee to investigate reported violations
90 of subsection (b) of section 20-636 of the general statutes, as amended by
91 this act, and subsection (b) of section 21a-422t of the general statutes, as
92 amended by this act.

93 Sec. 10. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of fifty thousand dollars is
94 appropriated to the Department of Consumer Protection from the
95 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for the
96 development and administration of the social media public awareness
97 campaign described in section 4 of this act.

98 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of fifty thousand dollars is
99 appropriated to the Department of Consumer Protection from the
100 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the
101 development and administration of the social media public awareness
102 campaign described in section 4 of this act.

103 Sec. 12. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
104 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and
105 Addiction Services from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending
106 June 30, 2024, for the development and administration of the public
107 awareness campaign described in section 5 of this act.

108 Sec. 13. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
109 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and
110 Addiction Services from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending
111 June 30, 2025, for the development and administration of the public
112 awareness campaign described in section 5 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-636
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	21a-422t
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section