

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5150**

LCO No. 2922

AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS AND HEMP REGULATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 21a-8a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2024*):

4 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "consumer
5 protection enforcement account". The account may contain any moneys
6 required by law to be deposited in the account. Any balance remaining
7 in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in
8 the account for the fiscal year next succeeding. The account shall be used
9 by the Department of Consumer Protection to (1) fund positions and
10 other related expenses for the enforcement of Department of Consumer
11 Protection licensing and registration laws, and (2) protect public health
12 and safety, educate consumers and licensees and ensure compliance
13 with cannabis and liquor control laws, as set forth in sections 10 and 31
14 of this act.

15 Sec. 2. Section 21a-240 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
16 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
17 *1, 2024*):

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

20 (1) "Abuse of drugs" means the use of controlled substances solely for
21 their stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher

22 functions of the central nervous system and not as a therapeutic agent
23 prescribed in the course of medical treatment or in a program of
24 research operated under the direction of a physician or pharmacologist.

25 (2) "Administer" means the direct application of a controlled
26 substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other
27 means, to the body of a patient or research subject by: (A) A practitioner,
28 or, in the practitioner's presence, by the practitioner's authorized agent;
29 [, or] (B) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the
30 presence of the practitioner; [,] or (C) a nurse or intern under the
31 direction and supervision of a practitioner.

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

36 (4) "Amphetamine-type substances" include amphetamine, optical
37 isomers thereof, salts of amphetamine and its isomers, and chemical
38 compounds which are similar thereto in chemical structure or which are
39 similar thereto in physiological effect, and which show a like potential
40 for abuse, which are controlled substances under this chapter unless
41 modified.

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

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

49 (7) "Cannabis-type substances" include all parts of any plant, or
50 species of the genus cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof whether
51 growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of

52 such a plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative,
53 mixture or preparation of such plant, its seeds or resin; but shall not
54 include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks,
55 oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound,
56 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such mature
57 stalks, except the resin extracted therefrom, fiber, oil or cake, the
58 sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of germination, or hemp,
59 as defined in 7 USC 1639o, as amended from time to time. Included are
60 cannabimon, cannabimol, cannabidiol and chemical compounds which
61 are similar to cannabimon, cannabimol or cannabidiol in chemical
62 structure or which are similar thereto in physiological effect, and which
63 show a like potential for abuse, which are controlled substances under
64 this chapter unless derived from hemp, as defined in section 22-61l.

65 (8) "Controlled drugs" are those drugs which contain any quantity of
66 a substance which has been designated as subject to the federal
67 Controlled Substances Act, or which has been designated as a
68 depressant or stimulant drug pursuant to federal food and drug laws,
69 or which has been designated by the Commissioner of Consumer
70 Protection pursuant to section 21a-243, as having a stimulant,
71 depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions of the
72 central nervous system and as having a tendency to promote abuse or
73 psychological or physiological dependence, or both. Such controlled
74 drugs are classifiable as amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-
75 type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenic, morphine-type and other stimulant
76 and depressant drugs. Specifically excluded from controlled drugs and
77 controlled substances are alcohol, nicotine and caffeine.

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

81 (10) "Counterfeit substance" means a controlled substance which, or
82 the container or labeling of which, without authorization, bears the
83 trademark, trade name or other identifying mark, imprint, number or

84 device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, distributor or
85 dispenser other than the person who in fact manufactured, distributed
86 or dispensed the substance.

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

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

92 (13) "Dispense" means to deliver a controlled substance to an ultimate
93 user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a
94 practitioner, including the prescribing, administering, packaging,
95 labeling or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for the
96 delivery.

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

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

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

105 (17) "Drug" means: (A) [substances] Substances recognized as drugs
106 in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic
107 Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary, or
108 any supplement to any of them; (B) substances intended for use in the
109 diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man
110 or animals; (C) substances, other than food, intended to affect the
111 structure or any function of the body of man or animals; and (D)
112 substances intended for use as a component of any article specified in
113 subparagraph (A), (B) or (C) of this subdivision. [It] "Drug" does not

114 include devices or their components, parts or accessories.

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

119 (19) "Drug-dependent person" means a person who has a
120 psychoactive substance dependence on drugs as that condition is
121 defined in the most recent edition of the "Diagnostic and Statistical
122 Manual of Mental Disorders" of the American Psychiatric Association.

123 (20) (A) "Drug paraphernalia" means equipment, products and
124 materials of any kind that are used, intended for use or designed for use
125 in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,
126 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing,
127 preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing,
128 containing or concealing, or ingesting, inhaling or otherwise
129 introducing into the human body, any controlled substance contrary to
130 the provisions of this chapter, including, but not limited to: (i) Kits
131 intended for use or designed for use in planting, propagating,
132 cultivating, growing or harvesting of any species of plant that is a
133 controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be
134 derived; (ii) kits used, intended for use or designed for use in
135 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing or
136 preparing controlled substances; (iii) isomerization devices used or
137 intended for use in increasing the potency of any species of plant that is
138 a controlled substance; (iv) testing equipment used, intended for use or
139 designed for use in identifying or analyzing the strength, effectiveness
140 or purity of controlled substances; (v) dilutents and adulterants,
141 including, but not limited to, quinine hydrochloride, mannitol, mannite,
142 dextrose and lactose used, intended for use or designed for use in
143 cutting controlled substances; (vi) separation gins and sifters used,
144 intended for use or designed for use in removing twigs and seeds from,
145 or in otherwise cleaning or refining, marijuana; (vii) capsules and other

146 containers used, intended for use or designed for use in packaging small
147 quantities of controlled substances; (viii) containers and other objects
148 used, intended for use or designed for use in storing or concealing
149 controlled substances; and (ix) objects used, intended for use or
150 designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing
151 marijuana, cocaine, hashish [.] or hashish oil into the human body,
152 including, but not limited to, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic or
153 ceramic pipes with screens, permanent screens, hashish heads or
154 punctured metal bowls; water pipes; carburetion tubes and devices;
155 smoking and carburetion masks; roach clips; miniature cocaine spoons
156 and cocaine vials; chamber pipes; carburetor pipes; electric pipes; air-
157 driven pipes; chillums; bongs; ice pipes and chillers. "Drug
158 paraphernalia" does not include a product used by a manufacturer
159 licensed pursuant to this chapter for the activities permitted under the
160 license or by an individual to test any substance prior to injection,
161 inhalation or ingestion of the substance to prevent accidental overdose
162 by injection, inhalation or ingestion of the substance, provided the
163 licensed manufacturer or individual is not using the product to engage
164 in the unlicensed manufacturing or distribution of controlled
165 substances. As used in this subdivision, "roach clip" means an object
166 used to hold burning material, including, but not limited to, a marijuana
167 cigarette, that has become too small or too short to be held between the
168 fingers.

169 (B) "Factory" means any place used for the manufacturing, mixing,
170 compounding, refining, processing, packaging, distributing, storing,
171 keeping, holding, administering or assembling illegal substances
172 contrary to the provisions of this chapter, or any building, rooms or
173 location which contains equipment or paraphernalia used for this
174 purpose.

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

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

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

186 (24) "Hospital", as used in sections 21a-243 to 21a-283, inclusive,
187 means an institution for the care and treatment of the sick and injured,
188 approved by the Department of Public Health or the Department of
189 Mental Health and Addiction Services as proper to be entrusted with
190 the custody of controlled drugs and substances and professional use of
191 controlled drugs and substances under the direction of a licensed
192 practitioner.

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

200 (26) "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the
201 Commissioner of Consumer Protection has found to be, and by
202 regulation designates as being, the principal compound commonly used
203 or produced primarily for use, and which is an immediate chemical
204 intermediary used or likely to be used, in the manufacture of a
205 controlled substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail
206 or limit manufacture.

207 (27) "Laboratory" means a laboratory approved by the Department of
208 Consumer Protection as proper to be entrusted with the custody of

209 controlled substances and the use of controlled substances for scientific
210 and medical purposes and for purposes of instruction, research or
211 analysis.

212 (28) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, cultivation,
213 growing, propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of a
214 controlled substance, either directly or indirectly by extraction from
215 substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical
216 synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and
217 includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or
218 relabeling of its container, except that this term does not include the
219 preparation or compounding of a controlled substance by an individual
220 for the individual's own use or the preparation, compounding,
221 packaging or labeling of a controlled substance: (A) By a practitioner as
222 an incident to the practitioner administering or dispensing of a
223 controlled substance in the course of such practitioner's professional
224 practice; [,] or (B) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized
225 agent under such practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an
226 incident to, research, teaching or chemical analysis and not for sale.

227 (29) "Marijuana" means all parts of any plant, or species of the genus
228 cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof, whether growing or not; the
229 seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; every
230 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture [,] or preparation of
231 such plant, or its [seeds or] resin; [,] any high-THC hemp product;
232 manufactured cannabinoids, synthetic cannabinoids, except as
233 provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision; or cannabimon,
234 cannabimol or cannabidiol and chemical compounds which are similar
235 to cannabimon, cannabimol or cannabidiol in chemical structure or which
236 are similar thereto in physiological effect, which are controlled
237 substances under this chapter, except cannabidiol derived from hemp,
238 as defined in section 22-61l, that is not a high-THC hemp product.
239 "Marijuana" does not include: (A) The mature stalks of such plant, fiber
240 produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such
241 plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or

242 preparation of such mature stalks, except the resin extracted from such
243 mature stalks or fiber, oil or cake; (B) the sterilized seed of such plant
244 which is incapable of germination; (C) hemp, as defined in section 22-
245 61l, (i) with a total THC concentration of not more than three-tenths per
246 cent on a dry-weight basis, and (ii) that is not a high-THC hemp product;
247 (D) any substance approved by the federal Food and Drug
248 Administration or successor agency as a drug and reclassified in any
249 schedule of controlled substances or unscheduled by the federal Drug
250 Enforcement Administration or successor agency which is included in
251 the same schedule designated by the federal Drug Enforcement
252 Administration or successor agency; [or] (E) synthetic cannabinoids
253 which are controlled substances that are designated by the
254 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by whatever official, common,
255 usual, chemical or trade name designation, as controlled substances and
256 are classified in the appropriate schedule in accordance with
257 subsections (i) and (j) of section 21a-243; or (F) infused beverages, as
258 defined in section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

259 (30) "Narcotic substance" means any of the following, whether
260 produced directly or indirectly by extraction from a substance of
261 vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or
262 by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis: (A) Morphine-
263 type: (i) Opium or opiate, or any salt, compound, derivative, or
264 preparation of opium or opiate which is similar to any such substance
265 in chemical structure or which is similar to any such substance in
266 physiological effect and which shows a like potential for abuse, which
267 is a controlled substance under this chapter unless modified; (ii) any
268 salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation of any such
269 substance which is chemically equivalent or identical to any substance
270 referred to in clause (i) of this [subdivision] subparagraph, but not
271 including the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium; (iii) opium poppy or
272 poppy straw; or (iv) (I) fentanyl or any salt, compound, derivative or
273 preparation of fentanyl which is similar to any such substance in
274 chemical structure or which is similar to any such substance in
275 physiological effect and which shows a like potential for abuse, which

276 is a controlled substance under this chapter unless modified, or (II) any
277 salt, compound, isomer, derivative or preparation of any such substance
278 which is chemically equivalent or identical to any substance referred to
279 in subclause (I) of this clause; or (B) cocaine-type, [;] coca leaves or any
280 salt, compound, derivative or preparation of coca leaves, or any salt,
281 compound, isomer, derivatives or preparation of any such substance
282 which is chemically equivalent or identical to any such substance or
283 which is similar to any such substance in physiological effect and which
284 shows a like potential for abuse, but not including decocainized coca
285 leaves or extractions of coca leaves which do not contain cocaine or
286 ecgonine.

287 (31) "Nurse" means a person performing nursing as defined in section
288 20-87a.

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

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

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

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

302 (36) "Other stimulant and depressant drugs" means controlled
303 substances other than amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-
304 type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenics and morphine-type which are found
305 to exert a stimulant and depressant effect upon the higher functions of

306 the central nervous system and which are found to have a potential for
307 abuse and are controlled substances under this chapter.

308 (37) "Person" includes any corporation, limited liability company,
309 association or partnership, or one or more individuals, government or
310 governmental subdivisions or agency, business trust, estate, trust, or
311 any other legal entity. Words importing the plural number may include
312 the singular; words importing the masculine gender may be applied to
313 females.

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

316 (39) "Pharmacy" means an establishment licensed pursuant to section
317 20-594.

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

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

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

324 (43) "Practitioner" means: (A) A physician, dentist, veterinarian,
325 podiatrist, scientific investigator or other person licensed, registered or
326 otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with
327 respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course of
328 professional practice or research in this state; and (B) a pharmacy,
329 hospital or other institution licensed, registered or otherwise permitted
330 to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer
331 a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research
332 in this state.

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

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

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

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

344 (48) "Registry number" means the alphabetical or numerical
345 designation of identification assigned to a person by the federal Drug
346 Enforcement Administration, or other federal agency, which is
347 commonly known as the federal registry number.

348 (49) "Restricted drugs or substances" are the following substances
349 without limitation and for all purposes: Datura stramonium;
350 hyoscyamus niger; atropa belladonna, or the alkaloids atropine;
351 hyoscyamine; belladonnine; apatropine; or any mixture of these
352 alkaloids such as daturine, or the synthetic homatropine or any salts of
353 these alkaloids, except that any drug or preparation containing any of
354 the above-mentioned substances which is permitted by federal food and
355 drug laws to be sold or dispensed without a prescription or written
356 order shall not be a controlled substance; amyl nitrite; the following
357 volatile substances to the extent that said chemical substances or
358 compounds containing said chemical substances are sold, prescribed,
359 dispensed, compounded, possessed or controlled or delivered or
360 administered to another person with the purpose that said chemical
361 substances shall be breathed, inhaled, sniffed or drunk to induce a
362 stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions
363 of the central nervous system: Acetone; benzene; butyl alcohol; butyl
364 nitrate and its salts, isomers, esters, ethers or their salts; cyclohexanone;
365 dichlorodifluoromethane; ether; ethyl acetate; formaldehyde; hexane;
366 isopropanol; methanol; methyl cellosolve acetate; methyl ethyl ketone;

367 methyl isobutyl ketone; nitrous oxide; pentochlorophenol; toluene;
368 toluol; trichloroethane; trichloroethylene; 1,4 butanediol.

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

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

376 (52) "State food, drug and cosmetic laws" means the Uniform Food,
377 Drug and Cosmetic Act, section 21a-91 et seq.

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

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

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

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

392 (57) "Unit dose drug distribution system" means a drug distribution
393 system used in a hospital or chronic and convalescent nursing home in
394 which drugs are supplied in individually labeled unit of use packages,
395 each patient's supply of drugs is exchanged between the hospital

396 pharmacy and the drug administration area or, in the case of a chronic
397 and convalescent nursing home between a pharmacy and the drug
398 administration area, at least once each twenty-four hours and each
399 patient's medication supply for this period is stored within a patient-
400 specific container, all of which is conducted under the direction of a
401 pharmacist licensed in Connecticut and, in the case of a hospital, directly
402 involved in the provision and supervision of pharmaceutical services at
403 such hospital at least thirty-five hours each week.

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

407 (59) "THC" means tetrahydrocannabinol, including, but not limited
408 to, delta-7, delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol
409 and delta-10-tetrahydrocannabinol, and any material, compound,
410 mixture or preparation which contain their salts, isomers and salts of
411 isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers and salts of
412 isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation, regardless
413 of the source, except: (A) Dronabinol substituted in sesame oil and
414 encapsulated in a soft gelatin capsule in a federal Food and Drug
415 Administration or successor agency approved product; [] or (B) any
416 tetrahydrocannabinol product that has been approved by the federal
417 Food and Drug Administration or successor agency to have a medical
418 use and reclassified in any schedule of controlled substances or
419 unscheduled by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or
420 successor agency.

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

424 (61) "Manufactured cannabinoid" means cannabinoids naturally
425 occurring from a source other than marijuana that are similar in
426 chemical structure or physiological effect to cannabinoids derived from
427 marijuana, as defined in section 21a-243, but are derived by a chemical

428 or biological process.

429 (62) "Synthetic cannabinoid" means any material, compound, mixture
430 or preparation which contains any quantity of a substance having a
431 psychotropic response primarily by agonist activity at cannabinoid-
432 specific receptors affecting the central nervous system that is produced
433 artificially and not derived from an organic source naturally containing
434 cannabinoids, unless listed in another schedule pursuant to section 21a-
435 243.

436 (63) "High-THC hemp product" (A) means a manufacturer hemp
437 product, as defined in section 22-61l, that has, or is advertised, labeled
438 or offered for sale as having, total THC that exceeds [(A) for a hemp
439 edible, hemp topical or hemp transdermal patch (i) one milligram on a
440 per-serving basis, or (ii) five milligrams on a per-container basis, (B) for
441 a hemp tincture, including, but not limited to, oil intended for ingestion
442 by swallowing, buccal administration or sublingual absorption (i) one
443 milligram on a per-serving basis, or (ii) twenty-five milligrams on a per-
444 container basis, (C) for a hemp concentrate or extract, including, but not
445 limited to, a vape oil, wax or shatter, twenty-five milligrams on a per-
446 container basis, or (D) for a manufacturer hemp product not described
447 in subparagraph (A), (B) or (C) of this subdivision, (i) one milligram on
448 a per-serving basis, (ii) five milligrams on a per-container basis, or (iii)]
449 (i) two and one-half milligrams on a per-container basis for any
450 manufacturer hemp product, or (ii) three-tenths per cent on a dry-
451 weight basis for cannabis flower or cannabis trim, and (B) does not
452 include an infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended
453 by this act.

454 Sec. 3. Section 21a-408 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
455 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
456 *1, 2024*):

457 As used in this section, sections 21a-408a to 21a-408o, inclusive, [and]
458 sections 21a-408r to 21a-408v, inclusive, and section 4 of this act, unless
459 the context otherwise requires:

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

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

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

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

472 (5) "Caregiver" means a person, other than the qualifying patient and
473 the qualifying patient's physician, physician assistant or advanced
474 practice registered nurse, who is eighteen years of age or older and has
475 agreed to undertake responsibility for managing the well-being of the
476 qualifying patient with respect to the palliative use of marijuana,
477 provided (A) in the case of a qualifying patient (i) under eighteen years
478 of age and not an emancipated minor, or (ii) otherwise lacking legal
479 capacity, such person shall be a parent, guardian or person having legal
480 custody of such qualifying patient, and (B) in the case of a qualifying
481 patient eighteen years of age or older or an emancipated minor, the need
482 for such person shall be evaluated by the qualifying patient's physician,
483 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse and such need
484 shall be documented in the written certification;

485 (6) "Cultivation" includes planting, propagating, cultivating, growing
486 and harvesting;

487 (7) "Debilitating medical condition" means (A) cancer, glaucoma,
488 positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune
489 deficiency syndrome, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to

490 the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological
491 indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy or uncontrolled intractable
492 seizure disorder, cachexia, wasting syndrome, Crohn's disease,
493 posttraumatic stress disorder, irreversible spinal cord injury with
494 objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, cerebral palsy,
495 cystic fibrosis or terminal illness requiring end-of-life care, except, if the
496 qualifying patient is under eighteen years of age, "debilitating medical
497 condition" means terminal illness requiring end-of-life care, irreversible
498 spinal cord injury with objective neurological indication of intractable
499 spasticity, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, severe epilepsy or uncontrolled
500 intractable seizure disorder, or (B) any medical condition, medical
501 treatment or disease approved for qualifying patients by the
502 Department of Consumer Protection and posted online pursuant to
503 section 21a-408l;

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

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

511 (10) "Institutional animal care and use committee" means a committee
512 that oversees an organization's animal program, facilities and
513 procedures to ensure compliance with federal policies, guidelines and
514 principles related to the care and use of animals in research;

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

519 (12) "Licensed dispensary" or "dispensary" means an individual who
520 is a licensed pharmacist employed by a dispensary facility or hybrid

521 retailer;

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

524 (14) "Nurse" means a person who is licensed as a nurse under chapter
525 378;

526 (15) "Palliative use" means the acquisition, distribution, transfer,
527 possession, use or transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia relating
528 to marijuana, including the transfer of marijuana and paraphernalia
529 relating to marijuana from the patient's caregiver to the qualifying
530 patient, to alleviate a qualifying patient's symptoms of a debilitating
531 medical condition or the effects of such symptoms, but does not include
532 any such use of marijuana by any person other than the qualifying
533 patient;

534 (16) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in section
535 21a-240, as amended by this act;

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

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

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

542 (20) "Qualifying patient" means a person who [:] (A) [Is] is a resident
543 of Connecticut, (B) has been diagnosed by a physician, physician
544 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse as having a debilitating
545 medical condition, and (C) (i) is eighteen years of age or older, (ii) is an
546 emancipated minor, or (iii) has written consent from a custodial parent,
547 guardian or other person having legal custody of such person that
548 indicates that such person has permission from such parent, guardian
549 or other person for the palliative use of marijuana for a debilitating

550 medical condition and that such parent, guardian or other person will
551 (I) serve as a caregiver for the qualifying patient, and (II) control the
552 acquisition and possession of marijuana and any related paraphernalia
553 for palliative use on behalf of such person. "Qualifying patient" does not
554 include an inmate confined in a correctional institution or facility under
555 the supervision of the Department of Correction;

556 (21) "Research program" means a study approved by the Department
557 of Consumer Protection in accordance with this chapter and undertaken
558 to increase information or knowledge regarding the growth or
559 processing of marijuana, or the medical attributes, dosage forms,
560 administration or use of marijuana to treat or alleviate symptoms of any
561 medical conditions or the effects of such symptoms;

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

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

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

572 (25) "Written certification" means a written certification issued by a
573 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse
574 pursuant to section 21a-408c.

575 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) Each cannabis establishment
576 shall submit marijuana samples to a cannabis testing laboratory for
577 testing as set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

578 (b) (1) A cannabis testing laboratory shall test each marijuana sample
579 submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section (A) for

580 microbiological contaminants, mycotoxins, heavy metals and pesticide
581 chemical residue, and (B) for purposes of conducting an active
582 ingredient analysis, if applicable.

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

588 (c) When conducting microbiological testing as set forth in subsection
589 (b) of this section, the marijuana sample shall be tested by using (1) a
590 molecular method which (A) includes quantitative polymerase chain
591 reaction, (B) is certified for identifying microbiological DNA, and (C) is
592 approved by (i) the Association of Official Analytical Collaboration
593 International, or (ii) a comparable national research and standard
594 making agency designated by the Commissioner of Consumer
595 Protection, or (2) an alternative testing method approved by the
596 Department of Consumer Protection and posted on the department's
597 Internet web site.

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

601 (1) Repeat testing as set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section
602 on the marijuana batch from which such marijuana sample was taken,
603 in a form and manner approved by the Department of Consumer
604 Protection. If all repeated testing yields satisfactory results, the
605 marijuana batch from which the marijuana samples were taken shall be
606 released for sale;

607 (2) If such cannabis establishment submits to the Commissioner of
608 Consumer Protection a remediation plan that is sufficient to ensure
609 public health and safety, and the commissioner approves such
610 remediation plan, remediate the marijuana batch from which such

611 marijuana sample was taken and repeat all testing as set forth in
612 subsections (a) and (b) of this section on such remediated marijuana
613 batch, in a form and manner approved by the Department of Consumer
614 Protection. If all repeated testing yields satisfactory results, the
615 marijuana batch from which the marijuana samples were taken shall be
616 released for sale; or

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

624 (e) For purposes of the testing set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of
625 this section, the quantity and number of marijuana samples taken shall
626 be sufficient to ensure representative sampling of the corresponding
627 marijuana batch size. The size of such corresponding marijuana batch
628 size shall not exceed the lesser of:

629 (1) Twenty-five pounds; or

630 (2) A smaller marijuana batch size, provided the Commissioner of
631 Consumer Protection (A) has determined that such smaller marijuana
632 batch size is necessary to protect public health and safety, and (B) posts
633 such smaller marijuana batch size on the Department of Consumer
634 Protection's Internet web site not later than thirty days prior to the first
635 date on which the commissioner requires such smaller marijuana batch
636 size.

637 Sec. 5. Section 21a-420 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
638 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
639 *1, 2024*):

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

641 (1) "Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis
642 Act" or "RERACA" means this section, sections 2-56j, 7-294kk, 7-294ll,
643 12-330ll to 12-330nn, inclusive, 14-227p, 21a-278b, 21a-278c, 21a-279c,
644 21a-279d, 21a-420a to 21a-420j, inclusive, 21a-420l to 21a-421r, inclusive,
645 21a-421aa to 21a-421ff, inclusive, 21a-421aaa to 21a-421hhh, inclusive,
646 21a-422 to 21a-422c, inclusive, 21a-422e to 21a-422g, inclusive, 21a-422j
647 to 21a-422s, inclusive, 22-61n, as amended by this act, 23-4b, 47a-9a, 53-
648 247a, 53a-213a, 53a-213b, 54-33p, 54-56q, 54-56r, 54-125k and 54-142u,
649 sections 23, 60, 63 to 65, inclusive, 124, 144 and 165 of public act 21-1 of
650 the June special session, and the amendments in public act 21-1 of the
651 June special session to sections 7-148, 10-221, 12-30a, 12-35b, 12-412, 12-
652 650, 12-704d, 14-44k, 14-111e, 14-227a to 14-227c, inclusive, 14-227j, 15-
653 140q, 15-140r, 18-100h, 19a-342, 19a-342a, 21a-267, 21a-277, 21a-279, 21a-
654 279a, 21a-408 to 21a-408f, inclusive, as amended by this act, 21a-408h to
655 21a-408p, inclusive, 21a-408r to 21a-408v, inclusive, 30-89a, 31-40q, 32-
656 39, 46b-120, 51-164n, 53-394, 53a-39c, 54-1m, 54-33g, 54-41b, 54-56e, 54-
657 56g, 54-56i, 54-56k, 54-56n, 54-63d, 54-66a and 54-142e, [and] section 20
658 of public act 23-79, section 4 of this act and sections 6 to 10, inclusive, of
659 this act;

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

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

670 (4) "Cannabis establishment" means a producer, dispensary facility,
671 cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage
672 manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery

673 service or transporter;

674 (5) "Cannabis flower" means the flower, including abnormal and
675 immature flowers, of a plant of the genus cannabis that has been
676 harvested, dried, cured, chopped or ground, and prior to any processing
677 whereby the flower material is transformed into a cannabis product.
678 "Cannabis flower" does not include (A) the leaves or stem of such plant,
679 or (B) hemp, as defined in section 22-61l;

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

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

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

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

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

702 (11) "Cannabis-type substances" have the same meaning as

703 "marijuana", as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

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

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

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

711 (15) "Cultivation" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
712 408, as amended by this act;

713 (16) "Cultivation lot" means one or more lots, as defined in section 22-
714 61l, associated with a hemp producer's license issued pursuant to
715 section 22-61l;

716 [(16)] (17) "Cultivator" means a person that is licensed to engage in
717 the cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an
718 establishment with not less than fifteen thousand square feet of grow
719 space;

720 [(17)] (18) "Delivery service" means a person that is licensed to deliver
721 cannabis from (A) micro-cultivators, retailers and hybrid retailers to
722 consumers and research program subjects, and (B) hybrid retailers and
723 dispensary facilities to qualifying patients, caregivers and research
724 program subjects, as defined in section 21a-408, as amended by this act,
725 or to hospices or other inpatient care facilities licensed by the
726 Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that have a
727 protocol for the handling and distribution of cannabis that has been
728 approved by the department, or a combination thereof;

729 [(18)] (19) "Department" means the Department of Consumer
730 Protection;

731 [(19)] (20) "Dispensary facility" means a place of business where
732 cannabis may be dispensed, sold or distributed in accordance with
733 chapter 420f and any regulations adopted pursuant to said chapter, to
734 qualifying patients and caregivers, and to which the department has
735 issued a dispensary facility license pursuant to chapter 420f and any
736 regulations adopted pursuant to said chapter;

737 [(20)] (21) "Disproportionately impacted area" means (A) for the
738 period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2023, a United States
739 census tract in the state that has, as determined by the Social Equity
740 Council under subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, as
741 amended by this act, (i) a historical conviction rate for drug-related
742 offenses greater than one-tenth, or (ii) an unemployment rate greater
743 than ten per cent, [and] (B) [on and after] for the period beginning
744 August 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, a United States census tract in
745 this state that has been identified by the Social Equity Council pursuant
746 to subdivision (2) of subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, as amended by
747 this act, (C) for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending December
748 31, 2024, (i) a United States census tract in this state that has been
749 identified by the Social Equity Council pursuant to subdivision (2) of
750 subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, as amended by this act, and (ii) a
751 reservation, as defined in section 47-63, as set forth in subdivision (3) of
752 subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, as amended by this act, and (D) on
753 and after January 1, 2025, (i) a United States census tract in this state that
754 has been identified by the Social Equity Council pursuant to subdivision
755 (2) of subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, as amended by this act, (ii) a
756 reservation, as defined in section 47-63, as set forth in subdivision (3) of
757 subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, as amended by this act, and (iii) a
758 parcel of land described in subdivision (4) of subsection (i) of section
759 21a-420d, as amended by this act;

760 [(21)] (22) "Disqualifying conviction" means a conviction within the
761 last ten years which has not been the subject of an absolute pardon
762 under the provisions of section 54-130a, or an equivalent pardon process
763 under the laws of another state or the federal government, for an offense

764 under (A) section 53a-276, 53a-277 or 53a-278, [;] (B) section 53a-291, 53a-
765 292 or 53a-293, [;] (C) section 53a-215, [;] (D) section 53a-138 or 53a-139,
766 [;] (E) section 53a-142a, [;] (F) sections 53a-147 to 53a-162, inclusive, [;]
767 (G) sections 53a-125c to 53a-125f, inclusive, [;] (H) section 53a-129b, 53a-
768 129c or 53a-129d, [;] (I) subsection (b) of section 12-737, [;] (J) section 53a-
769 48 or 53a-49, if the offense which is attempted or is an object of the
770 conspiracy is an offense under the statutes listed in subparagraphs (A)
771 to (I), inclusive, of this subdivision, [;] or (K) the law of any other state
772 or of the federal government, if the offense on which such conviction is
773 based is defined by elements that substantially include the elements of
774 an offense under the statutes listed in subparagraphs (A) to (J), inclusive,
775 of this subdivision;

776 [(22)] (23) "Dispensary technician" means an individual who has had
777 an active pharmacy technician or dispensary technician registration in
778 this state within the past five years, is affiliated with a dispensary facility
779 or hybrid retailer and is registered with the department in accordance
780 with chapter 420f and any regulations adopted pursuant to said chapter;

781 [(23)] (24) "Edible cannabis product" means a cannabis product
782 intended for humans to eat or drink;

783 [(24)] (25) "Employee" means any person who is not a backer, but is a
784 member of the board of a company with an ownership interest in a
785 cannabis establishment, and any person employed by a cannabis
786 establishment or who otherwise has access to such establishment or the
787 vehicles used to transport cannabis, including, but not limited to, an
788 independent contractor who has routine access to the premises of such
789 establishment or to the cannabis handled by such establishment;

790 [(25)] (26) "Equity" and "equitable" means efforts, regulations,
791 policies, programs, standards, processes and any other functions of
792 government or principles of law and governance intended to [;] (A)
793 [Identify] identify and remedy past and present patterns of
794 discrimination and disparities of race, ethnicity, gender and sexual
795 orientation, [;] (B) ensure that such patterns of discrimination and

796 disparities, whether intentional or unintentional, are neither reinforced
797 nor perpetuated, [;] and (C) prevent the emergence and persistence of
798 foreseeable future patterns of discrimination or disparities of race,
799 ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation;

800 [(26)] (27) "Equity joint venture" means a business entity that is
801 controlled, and at least fifty per cent owned, by an individual or
802 individuals, or such applicant is an individual, who meets the criteria of
803 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(50)] (54) of this section;

804 [(27)] (28) "Extract" means the preparation, compounding, conversion
805 or processing of cannabis, either directly or indirectly by extraction or
806 independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of
807 extraction and chemical synthesis to produce a cannabis concentrate;

808 [(28)] (29) "Financial interest" means any right to, ownership, an
809 investment or a compensation arrangement with another person,
810 directly, through business, investment or family. "Financial interest"
811 does not include ownership of investment securities in a publicly-held
812 corporation that is traded on a national exchange or over-the-counter
813 market, provided the investment securities held by such person and
814 such person's spouse, parent or child, in the aggregate, do not exceed
815 one-half of one per cent of the total number of shares issued by the
816 corporation;

817 [(29)] (30) "Food and beverage manufacturer" means a person that is
818 licensed to own and operate a place of business that acquires cannabis
819 and creates food and beverages;

820 [(30)] (31) "Grow space" means the portion of a premises owned and
821 controlled by a producer, cultivator or micro-cultivator that is utilized
822 for the cultivation, growing or propagation of the cannabis plant, and
823 contains cannabis plants in an active stage of growth, measured starting
824 from the outermost wall of the room containing cannabis plants and
825 continuing around the outside of the room. "Grow space" does not
826 include space used to cure, process, store harvested cannabis or

827 manufacture cannabis once the cannabis has been harvested;

828 (32) "Hemp manufacturer" means manufacturer, as defined in section
829 22-611;

830 (33) "Hemp producer" means producer, as defined in section 22-611;

831 ~~[(31)]~~ (34) "Historical conviction count for drug-related offenses"
832 means, for a given area, the number of convictions of residents of such
833 area (A) for violations of sections 21a-267, 21a-277, 21a-278, 21a-279 and
834 21a-279a, and (B) who were arrested for such violations between
835 January 1, 1982, and December 31, 2020, inclusive, where such arrest
836 was recorded in databases maintained by the Department of Emergency
837 Services and Public Protection;

838 ~~[(32)]~~ (35) "Historical conviction rate for drug-related offenses"
839 means, for a given area, the historical conviction count for drug-related
840 offenses divided by the population of such area, as determined by the
841 five-year estimates of the most recent American Community Survey
842 conducted by the United States Census Bureau;

843 ~~[(33)]~~ (36) "Hybrid retailer" means a person that is licensed to
844 purchase cannabis and sell cannabis and medical marijuana products;

845 (37) "Infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an alcoholic
846 beverage, as defined in section 30-1, (B) is intended for human
847 consumption, and (C) is advertised, labeled or offered for sale as having
848 total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act, that is
849 not greater than two and one-half milligrams on a per-container basis,
850 which container shall contain at least twelve fluid ounces;

851 ~~[(34)]~~ (38) "Key employee" means an employee with the following
852 management position or an equivalent title within a cannabis
853 establishment: (A) President or chief officer, who is the top ranking
854 individual at the cannabis establishment and is responsible for all staff
855 and overall direction of business operations; (B) financial manager, who
856 is the individual who reports to the president or chief officer and who is

857 responsible for oversight of the financial operations of the cannabis
858 establishment, which financial operations include one or more of the
859 following: (i) Revenue and expense management; (ii) distributions; (iii)
860 tax compliance; (iv) budget development; and (v) budget management
861 and implementation; or (C) compliance manager, who is the individual
862 who reports to the president or chief officer and who is generally
863 responsible for ensuring the cannabis establishment complies with all
864 laws, regulations and requirements related to the operation of the
865 cannabis establishment;

866 [(35)] (39) "Labor peace agreement" means an agreement between a
867 cannabis establishment and a bona fide labor organization under section
868 21a-421d pursuant to which the owners and management of the
869 cannabis establishment agree not to lock out employees and that
870 prohibits the bona fide labor organization from engaging in picketing,
871 work stoppages or boycotts against the cannabis establishment;

872 [(36)] (40) "Manufacture" means to add or incorporate cannabis into
873 other products or ingredients or create a cannabis product;

874 [(37)] (41) "Medical marijuana product" means cannabis that may be
875 exclusively sold to qualifying patients and caregivers by dispensary
876 facilities and hybrid retailers and which are designated by the
877 commissioner as reserved for sale to qualifying patients and caregivers
878 and published on the department's Internet web site;

879 [(38)] (42) "Micro-cultivator" means a person licensed to engage in the
880 cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an
881 establishment containing not less than two thousand square feet and not
882 more than ten thousand square feet of grow space, prior to any
883 expansion authorized by the commissioner;

884 [(39)] (43) "Municipality" means any town, city or borough,
885 consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough;

886 [(40)] (44) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in

887 section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

888 [(41)] (45) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability
889 company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate,
890 receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or any other legal entity and any other
891 person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether
892 appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination thereof;

893 [(42)] (46) "Producer" means a person that is licensed as a producer
894 pursuant to section 21a-408i and any regulations adopted pursuant to
895 said section;

896 [(43)] (47) "Product manufacturer" means a person that is licensed to
897 obtain cannabis, extract and manufacture products;

898 [(44)] (48) "Product packager" means a person that is licensed to
899 package and label cannabis;

900 [(45)] (49) "Qualifying patient" has the same meaning as provided in
901 section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

902 [(46)] (50) "Research program" has the same meaning as provided in
903 section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

904 [(47)] (51) "Retailer" means a person, excluding a dispensary facility
905 and hybrid retailer, that is licensed to purchase cannabis from
906 producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product manufacturers and
907 food and beverage manufacturers and to sell cannabis to consumers and
908 research programs;

909 [(48)] (52) "Sale" or "sell" has the same meaning as provided in section
910 21a-240, as amended by this act;

911 [(49)] (53) "Social Equity Council" or "council" means the council
912 established under section 21a-420d, as amended by this act;

913 [(50)] (54) "Social equity applicant" means a person that has applied
914 for a license for a cannabis establishment, where such applicant is

915 controlled, and at least sixty-five per cent owned, by an individual or
916 individuals, or such applicant is an individual, who:

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

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

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

925 [(51)] (55) "THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
926 240, as amended by this act;

927 [(52)] (56) "Third-party lottery operator" means a person, or a
928 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, that conducts
929 lotteries pursuant to section 21a-420g, as amended by this act, identifies
930 the cannabis establishment license applications for consideration
931 without performing any review of the applications that are identified
932 for consideration, and that has no direct or indirect oversight of or
933 investment in a cannabis establishment or a cannabis establishment
934 applicant;

935 [(53)] (57) "Transfer" means to transfer, change, give or otherwise
936 dispose of control over or interest in;

937 [(54)] (58) "Transport" means to physically move from one place to
938 another;

939 [(55)] (59) "Transporter" means a person licensed to transport
940 cannabis and manufacturer hemp products between cannabis
941 establishments, cannabis testing laboratories and research programs;
942 and

943 [(56)] (60) "Unemployment rate" means, in a given area, the number
944 of people sixteen years of age or older who are in the civilian labor force
945 and unemployed divided by the number of people sixteen years of age
946 or older who are in the civilian labor force.

947 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) During the period beginning
948 July 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2025, the department shall issue
949 a cultivator license or micro-cultivator license to a social equity
950 applicant:

951 (1) If prior to July 1, 2024, the social equity applicant submitted to the
952 department a completed cultivator license application pursuant to
953 subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by
954 this act, and:

955 (A) The Social Equity Council verified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of
956 subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by
957 this act, that the applicant met the criteria established for a social equity
958 applicant; or

959 (B) The department issued a provisional cultivator license, but not a
960 final cultivator license, to the social equity applicant pursuant to section
961 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

962 (2) If during the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending March 31,
963 2025, the social equity applicant submits to the department, in a form
964 and manner prescribed by the commissioner:

965 (A) A completed application for a cultivator license or micro-
966 cultivator license;

967 (B) A copy of an agreement, between the social equity applicant and
968 a hemp producer that has been continually licensed under section 22-
969 61l of the general statutes since January 1, 2023, which provides:

970 (i) For the use of the hemp producer's cultivation lot, which may be
971 located outside of a disproportionately impacted area; and

972 (ii) That if the department issues a provisional cultivator license or a
973 provisional micro-cultivator license to the social equity applicant
974 pursuant to this section:

975 (I) Such provisional cultivator license or provisional micro-cultivator
976 license shall immediately be deemed to have automatically replaced
977 both the provisional cultivator license application the social equity
978 applicant submitted and any provisional cultivator license the
979 department issued to the social equity applicant pursuant to subsection
980 (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
981 and such previously submitted provisional cultivator license
982 application and previously issued provisional cultivator license shall
983 immediately be deemed to have been automatically withdrawn or
984 surrendered, as applicable, as set forth in subparagraph (C)(i) of this
985 subdivision; and

986 (II) The hemp producer shall immediately be deemed to have
987 automatically surrendered such hemp producer's license under section
988 22-61l of the general statutes, as set forth in subparagraph (D) of this
989 subdivision;

990 (C) An acknowledgment by the social equity applicant that, if the
991 department issues a provisional cultivator license or provisional micro-
992 cultivator license to the social equity applicant pursuant to this section:

993 (i) Such provisional cultivator license or provisional micro-cultivator
994 license shall immediately be deemed to have automatically replaced
995 both the provisional cultivator license application the social equity
996 applicant submitted and any provisional cultivator license the
997 department issued to the social equity applicant pursuant to subsection
998 (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
999 and such previously submitted provisional cultivator license
1000 application and previously issued cultivator license shall immediately
1001 be deemed to have been automatically withdrawn or surrendered, as
1002 applicable; and

1003 (ii) The social equity applicant shall be (I) eligible to create not more
1004 than one equity joint venture after such social equity applicant receives
1005 a cultivator license under this section and commences cultivation
1006 activities under such cultivator license, as provided in subsection (e) of
1007 this section, or (II) ineligible to create an equity joint venture after such
1008 social equity applicant receives a micro-cultivator license under this
1009 section, as provided in subsection (e) of this section;

1010 (D) An acknowledgment by the hemp producer which is a party to
1011 the agreement described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision that, if
1012 the department issues a provisional cultivator license or provisional
1013 micro-cultivator license to the social equity applicant pursuant to this
1014 section, the hemp producer shall immediately be deemed to have
1015 automatically surrendered such hemp producer's license under section
1016 22-61*l* of the general statutes;

1017 (E) Evidence that is sufficient for the department to verify that the
1018 hemp producer which is a party to the agreement described in
1019 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision has been continually licensed
1020 under section 22-61*l* of the general statutes since January 1, 2023;

1021 (F) A written statement by the social equity applicant disclosing
1022 whether any change occurred in the ownership or control of the social
1023 equity applicant after the Social Equity Council verified that the social
1024 equity applicant met the criteria for a social equity applicant pursuant
1025 to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-420*o* of the general
1026 statutes, as amended by this act; and

1027 (G) The application fee required under subsection (b) of this section;

1028 (3) Provided any change described in subparagraph (F) of
1029 subdivision (2) of this subsection that has occurred is:

1030 (A) Allowed under (i) section 21a-420*g* of the general statutes, as
1031 amended by this act, and (ii) any regulation adopted, or policy or
1032 procedure issued, pursuant to section 21a-420*g* of the general statutes,

1033 as amended by this act, or 21a-420h of the general statutes; and

1034 (B) Allowed under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section,
1035 whereby (i) the Social Equity Council has determined that the social
1036 equity applicant continues to meet the criteria for a social equity
1037 applicant, and (ii) the department has received a written notice from the
1038 Social Equity Council affirming that the Social Equity Council has
1039 determined that the social equity applicant continues to meet the criteria
1040 for a social equity applicant;

1041 (4) If pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section, (A)
1042 the Social Equity Council has reviewed the agreement described in
1043 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (B) the
1044 department has received a written notice from the Social Equity Council
1045 affirming that the Social Equity Council has determined that the social
1046 equity applicant continues to meet the criteria for a social equity
1047 applicant; and

1048 (5) If all hemp, as defined in section 22-61l of the general statutes, has
1049 been harvested from the cultivation lot described in subparagraph (B)(i)
1050 of subdivision (2) of this subsection.

1051 (b) (1) A social equity applicant seeking a cultivator license under this
1052 section shall submit to the department a three-million-dollar application
1053 fee unless the social equity applicant has (A) received a provisional
1054 cultivator license under subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general
1055 statutes, as amended by this act, and (B) paid the fee required under
1056 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general
1057 statutes, as amended by this act.

1058 (2) A social equity applicant seeking a micro-cultivator license under
1059 this section shall submit to the department a five-hundred-thousand-
1060 dollar application fee unless the social equity applicant has (A) received
1061 a provisional cultivator license under subsection (a) of section 21a-420o
1062 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (B) paid the fee
1063 required under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of

1064 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1065 (3) The fee to renew a final cultivator license or final micro-cultivator
1066 license issued pursuant to this section shall be the same as the fee to
1067 renew a final cultivator license or final micro-cultivator license as set
1068 forth in section 21a-420e of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1069 (4) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be
1070 deposited in the Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund
1071 established in subsection (c) of section 21a-420f of the general statutes.

1072 (c) (1) If any change described in subparagraph (F) of subdivision (2)
1073 of subsection (a) of this section has occurred, the Social Equity Council
1074 shall (A) determine whether the social equity applicant continues to
1075 meet the criteria for a social equity applicant, and (B) submit to the
1076 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, a
1077 written notice disclosing such determination.

1078 (2) The Social Equity Council shall (A) review the agreement
1079 described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
1080 section, and (B) submit to the department, in a form and manner
1081 prescribed by the commissioner, a written notice disclosing whether the
1082 social equity applicant continues to meet the criteria for a social equity
1083 applicant.

1084 (d) All harvested hemp described in subdivision (5) of subsection (a)
1085 of this section shall continue to be deemed hemp until the department
1086 issues a final cultivator license or final micro-cultivator license to the
1087 social equity applicant pursuant to this section. After the department
1088 issues a final cultivator license or final micro-cultivator license to the
1089 social equity applicant pursuant to this section, such harvested hemp
1090 shall be deemed to be cannabis and shall be subject to all cannabis
1091 cultivation, testing, labeling, tracking, reporting and manufacturing
1092 provisions of RERACA as such provisions apply to cultivators and
1093 micro-cultivators. For the purposes of this subsection, "hemp" has the
1094 same meaning as provided in section 22-61l of the general statutes.

1095 (e) No social equity applicant that receives a cultivator license under
1096 this section shall be eligible to create more than one equity joint venture,
1097 and no such social equity applicant shall create any equity joint venture
1098 unless such social equity applicant has received a cultivator license
1099 under this section and commenced cultivation activities under such
1100 cultivator license. No social equity applicant that receives a micro-
1101 cultivator license under this section shall be eligible to create an equity
1102 joint venture.

1103 (f) Each application submitted to the department pursuant to
1104 subsection (a) of this section, and all information included in, or
1105 submitted with, any application submitted pursuant to said subsection,
1106 shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of section 21a-420e of
1107 the general statutes.

1108 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of RERACA, and except as
1109 otherwise provided in subsections (a) to (f), inclusive, of this section:

1110 (1) Each application submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
1111 section shall be processed as any other cultivator application or micro-
1112 cultivator application that has been selected through the lottery; and

1113 (2) Each social equity applicant, application submitted pursuant to
1114 subsection (a) of this section, cultivator license issued pursuant to this
1115 section and micro-cultivator license issued pursuant to this section shall
1116 be subject to subsections (e) to (l), inclusive, of section 21a-420g of the
1117 general statutes, as amended by this act.

1118 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) (1) During the period
1119 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, a social equity
1120 applicant that has submitted an application to the department for a
1121 cultivator license pursuant to subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the
1122 general statutes, as amended by this act, may withdraw such application
1123 and apply for a micro-cultivator license pursuant to this section if:

1124 (A) The Social Equity Council has verified that the applicant meets

1125 the criteria for a social equity applicant pursuant to subdivision (1) of
1126 subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by
1127 this act;

1128 (B) The social equity applicant is eligible to receive a provisional
1129 cultivator license pursuant to subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the
1130 general statutes, as amended by this act;

1131 (C) The department has not already issued a provisional cultivator
1132 license to the social equity applicant pursuant to subsection (a) of section
1133 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

1134 (D) The social equity applicant submits to the department, in a form
1135 and manner prescribed by the commissioner, a written statement by the
1136 social equity applicant:

1137 (i) Withdrawing the social equity applicant's application under
1138 subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general statutes, as amended by
1139 this act; and

1140 (ii) Acknowledging that if the social equity applicant withdraws the
1141 application submitted under subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the
1142 general statutes, as amended by this act, the social equity applicant shall
1143 be ineligible to create an equity joint venture, as provided in subsection
1144 (e) of this section.

1145 (2) No social equity applicant that withdraws an application in the
1146 manner set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be eligible to
1147 receive a refund for any fee paid in connection with such withdrawn
1148 application.

1149 (b) During the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending December
1150 31, 2025, the department shall issue a micro-cultivator license to a social
1151 equity applicant pursuant to this section:

1152 (1) If the social equity applicant meets the eligibility criteria
1153 established in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section;

1154 (2) If during the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending December
1155 31, 2024, the social equity applicant submits to the department, in a form
1156 and manner prescribed by the commissioner:

1157 (A) A completed micro-cultivator license application;

1158 (B) A written statement by the social equity applicant disclosing
1159 whether any change occurred in the ownership or control of the social
1160 equity applicant after the Social Equity Council verified that the
1161 applicant met the criteria for a social equity applicant pursuant to
1162 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-420o of the general
1163 statutes, as amended by this act; and

1164 (C) The application and conversion fees required under subdivision
1165 (1) of subsection (c) of this section; and

1166 (3) If any change described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of
1167 this subsection has occurred:

1168 (A) Such change in ownership or control is allowed under (i) section
1169 21a-420g of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (ii) any
1170 regulation adopted, or policy or procedure issued, pursuant to section
1171 21a-420g of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or 21a-420h of
1172 the general statutes; and

1173 (B) Pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, (i) the Social Equity
1174 Council has determined that the social equity applicant continues to
1175 meet the criteria for a social equity applicant, and (ii) the department
1176 has received a written notice from the Social Equity Council affirming
1177 that the Social Equity Council has determined that the social equity
1178 applicant continues to meet the criteria for a social equity applicant.

1179 (c) (1) A social equity applicant that submits a micro-cultivator license
1180 application pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall submit to the
1181 department (A) an application fee in the amount of five hundred
1182 thousand dollars, and (B) a conversion fee in the amount of five hundred
1183 thousand dollars.

1184 (2) The fee to renew a final micro-cultivator license issued pursuant
1185 to this section shall be the same as the fee to renew a final micro-
1186 cultivator license as set forth in section 21a-420e of the general statutes,
1187 as amended by this act.

1188 (3) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be
1189 deposited in the Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund
1190 established in subsection (c) of section 21a-420f of the general statutes.

1191 (d) If any change described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of
1192 subsection (b) of this section has occurred, the Social Equity Council
1193 shall (1) determine whether the social equity applicant continues to meet
1194 the criteria for a social equity applicant, and (2) submit to the
1195 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, a
1196 written notice disclosing such determination.

1197 (e) A social equity applicant that withdraws an application in the
1198 manner set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall
1199 be ineligible to create an equity joint venture.

1200 (f) Each application submitted to the department pursuant to
1201 subsection (b) of this section, and all information included in, or
1202 submitted with, any application submitted pursuant to said subsection,
1203 shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of section 21a-420e of
1204 the general statutes.

1205 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of RERACA, and except as
1206 otherwise provided in subsections (a) to (f), inclusive, of this section:

1207 (1) Each application submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this
1208 section shall be processed as any other micro-cultivator application that
1209 has been selected through the lottery; and

1210 (2) Each social equity applicant, application submitted pursuant to
1211 subsection (b) of this section and micro-cultivator license issued
1212 pursuant to this section shall be subject to subsections (e) to (l), inclusive,
1213 of section 21a-420g of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1214 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes of this
1215 section, "hemp" and "hemp products" have the same meanings as
1216 provided in section 22-61l of the general statutes.

1217 (b) The department shall issue a product manufacturer license to a
1218 hemp manufacturer if:

1219 (1) The hemp manufacturer (A) is licensed under section 22-61m of
1220 the general statutes, as amended by this act, (B) has continuously held a
1221 hemp manufacturer license issued under section 22-61m of the general
1222 statutes, as amended by this act, since January 1, 2022, and (C) is not
1223 licensed as a producer under section 22-61l of the general statutes; and

1224 (2) During the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending December
1225 31, 2024, the hemp manufacturer submits to the department, in a form
1226 and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

1227 (A) A completed product manufacturer license application;

1228 (B) A social equity plan and a workforce development plan that are
1229 approved by the Social Equity Council before the department issues a
1230 product manufacturer license to the hemp manufacturer pursuant to
1231 this section;

1232 (C) An acknowledgment that if the department issues a final product
1233 manufacturer license to the hemp manufacturer pursuant to this section,
1234 the hemp manufacturer shall immediately be deemed to have
1235 automatically surrendered such hemp manufacturer's license under
1236 section 22-61m of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

1237 (D) An application fee in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

1238 (c) A holder of a provisional product manufacturer license issued
1239 pursuant to this section may maintain an active hemp manufacturer
1240 license issued pursuant to section 22-61m of the general statutes, as
1241 amended by this act, provided the hemp manufacturer shall
1242 immediately be deemed to have automatically surrendered such hemp

1243 manufacturer's license under 22-61m of the general statutes, as
1244 amended by this act, if the department issues a final product
1245 manufacturer license pursuant to this section.

1246 (d) The fee to receive or renew a final product manufacturer license
1247 pursuant to this section shall be the same as the fee to receive or renew
1248 a final product manufacturer license as set forth in section 21a-420e of
1249 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1250 (e) All fees collected by the department under this section shall be
1251 nonrefundable and deposited in the Cannabis Social Equity and
1252 Innovation Fund established in subsection (c) of section 21a-420f of the
1253 general statutes.

1254 (f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, all
1255 hemp and hemp products in the possession of a hemp manufacturer
1256 shall continue to be deemed hemp while such hemp manufacturer
1257 maintains an active hemp manufacturer license under section 22-61m of
1258 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1259 (2) Immediately upon the department issuing a final product
1260 manufacturer license to a hemp manufacturer pursuant to this section,
1261 and the automatic surrender of the hemp manufacturer's license under
1262 section 22-61m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, all hemp
1263 and hemp products in the possession of such hemp manufacturer shall
1264 (A) be deemed cannabis in accordance with section 22-61n of the general
1265 statutes, as amended by this act, and (B) comply with the requirements
1266 for cannabis contained in all applicable provisions of the general
1267 statutes and the regulations of Connecticut state agencies.

1268 (g) Each application submitted to the department pursuant to
1269 subsection (b) of this section, and all information included in, or
1270 submitted with, any application submitted pursuant to said subsection,
1271 shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of section 21a-420e of
1272 the general statutes.

1273 (h) Each complete application submitted pursuant to subsection (b)
1274 of this section shall be (1) processed as any product manufacturer
1275 application selected through the lottery, and (2) subject to subsections
1276 (e) to (l), inclusive, of section 21a-420g of the general statutes, as
1277 amended by this act.

1278 (i) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, pursuant to
1279 section 4-182 of the general statutes, summarily suspend any credential
1280 issued by the department to any person who violates any provision of
1281 this section or chapter 420f or 420h of the general statutes.

1282 (j) Any person licensed pursuant to this section shall be subject to the
1283 provisions of section 21a-421p of the general statutes, and any violation
1284 of this section shall constitute sufficient cause for purposes of subsection
1285 (b) of section 21a-421p of the general statutes.

1286 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes of this
1287 section, "manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as
1288 provided in section 22-61l of the general statutes.

1289 (b) No infused beverage shall be sold or distributed in this state
1290 unless:

1291 (1) The infused beverage is sold (A) on premises operating under a
1292 package store permit issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 30-20
1293 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or (B) at a dispensary
1294 facility, hybrid retailer or retailer;

1295 (2) If the infused beverage is sold at a dispensary facility, hybrid
1296 retailer or retailer, the infused beverage is stored and displayed
1297 separately from any cannabis, in the same manner provided for
1298 manufacturer hemp products, in accordance with section 21a-409, 21a-
1299 420s or 21a-420r of the general statutes, respectively;

1300 (3) The infused beverage meets the standards set forth for
1301 manufacturer hemp products in subsections (v), (w) and (x) of section
1302 22-61m of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

1303 (4) The infused beverage meets (A) the testing standards for
1304 manufacturer hemp products established in, and any regulations
1305 adopted pursuant to, section 22-61m of the general statutes, as amended
1306 by this act, or (B) such other testing standards for manufacturer hemp
1307 products as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in the
1308 commissioner's discretion, may designate.

1309 (c) No infused beverage shall be sold to any consumer who is
1310 younger than twenty-one years of age. No owner, agent or employee of
1311 a package store permitted under subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the
1312 general statutes, as amended by this act, or of a dispensary facility,
1313 hybrid retailer or retailer, shall sell any infused beverage to a consumer
1314 without first verifying the consumer's age with a valid government
1315 issued driver's license or identity card to establish that such person is
1316 twenty-one years of age or older.

1317 (d) No infused beverage shall be sold in packaging that comprises
1318 more than two containers.

1319 (e) Each infused beverage container shall prominently display a
1320 symbol, in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch and in a
1321 format approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, which
1322 indicates that such infused beverage is not legal or safe for individuals
1323 younger than twenty-one years of age.

1324 (f) (1) Any violation of the provisions of subdivisions (2) to (4),
1325 inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section and subsections (c) to (e),
1326 inclusive, of this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade
1327 practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes.

1328 (2) Any violation of the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
1329 of this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice
1330 under subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and shall
1331 be enforced by the Attorney General.

1332 (3) The provisions of section 42-110g of the general statutes shall

1333 apply to any violation of the provisions of subsections (b) to (e),
1334 inclusive, of this section.

1335 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) A fee of fifty cents shall be
1336 assessed by a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer on each
1337 infused beverage container sold by such cannabis establishment. Such
1338 fee shall not be subject to any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to
1339 any provision of the general statutes.

1340 (b) On October 1, 2024, and every six months thereafter, each
1341 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer shall remit payment to the
1342 department for each infused beverage container sold during the
1343 preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department
1344 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer
1345 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the
1346 general statutes, as amended by this act, for the purpose of (1) protecting
1347 public health and safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3)
1348 ensuring compliance with cannabis and liquor control laws.

1349 Sec. 11. Section 21a-420c of the general statutes is repealed and the
1350 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1351 (a) Except as provided in RERACA and chapter 420b or 420f, (1) no
1352 person, other than a retailer, hybrid retailer, micro-cultivator or delivery
1353 service, or an employee thereof in the course of [his or her] such
1354 employee's employment, may sell or offer cannabis to a consumer, and
1355 (2) no person, other than a hybrid retailer, dispensary facility or a
1356 delivery service, or an employee thereof in the course of [his or her] such
1357 employee's employment, may sell or offer cannabis to qualifying
1358 patients and caregivers.

1359 (b) No person except a delivery service, or an employee [thereof] of a
1360 delivery service, subject to the restrictions set forth in section 21a-420z,
1361 as amended by this act, acting in the course of [his or her] such
1362 employee's employment may deliver cannabis to consumers. [, patients
1363 or caregivers except that retailers, hybrid retailers, micro-cultivators and

1364 dispensary facilities may utilize their own employees to deliver
1365 cannabis to the same individuals they may sell to pursuant to subsection
1366 (a) of this section until thirty days after the date the first five delivery
1367 service licensees have commenced public operation, which date shall be
1368 published by the commissioner on the department's Internet web site,
1369 and thereafter all delivery to consumers, patients or caregivers shall be
1370 done through a delivery service licensee.] No person except a delivery
1371 service, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility, or an employee of a
1372 delivery service, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility acting in the
1373 course of such employee's employment, may deliver cannabis to
1374 patients or caregivers.

1375 (c) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an
1376 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b
1377 and shall be enforced by the Attorney General, except the provisions of
1378 section 42-110g shall apply to any violation of the provisions of this
1379 section.

1380 (d) (1) Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, prohibit
1381 the operation of any business within such municipality that is found to
1382 be in violation of the provisions of this section or if such operation poses
1383 an immediate threat to public health and safety.

1384 (2) If the chief executive officer of a municipality determines that a
1385 business within the municipality is operating in violation of the
1386 provisions of this section or poses an immediate threat to public health
1387 and safety, the chief executive officer may apply to the Superior Court
1388 for an order under subdivision (3) of this subsection.

1389 (3) Upon an application under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
1390 Superior Court, upon a finding that a business within the municipality
1391 is operating in violation of the provisions of this section or poses an
1392 immediate threat to public health and safety, may issue forthwith, ex-
1393 parte and without a hearing an order which shall direct the chief law
1394 enforcement officer of the municipality to take from such business
1395 possession and control of any merchandise related to such violation or

1396 immediate threat to public health and safety, which merchandise shall
1397 include, but need not be limited to, (A) any cannabis or cannabis
1398 product, (B) any cigarette, tobacco or tobacco product, (C) any
1399 merchandise related to the merchandise described in subparagraphs (A)
1400 and (B) of this subdivision, and (D) any proceeds related to the
1401 merchandise described in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of this
1402 subdivision.

1403 (4) As used in this subsection, (A) "cigarette" has the same meaning
1404 as provided in section 4-28h, (B) "immediate threat to public health and
1405 safety" includes, but is not limited to, the presence of (i) any cannabis or
1406 cannabis product in connection with a violation of this section, or (ii)
1407 any cigarette or tobacco product alongside any cannabis or cannabis
1408 product, and (C) "operation" and "operating" mean engaging in the sale
1409 of, or otherwise offering for sale, goods and services to the general
1410 public, including, but not limited to, through indirect retail sales.

1411 (e) (1) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
1412 assessed a civil penalty of thirty thousand dollars for each violation.
1413 Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate
1414 offense.

1415 (2) Any person who aids or abets any violation of the provisions of
1416 this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of thirty thousand dollars
1417 for each violation. Each day that such person aids or abets such violation
1418 shall constitute a separate offense. For the purposes of this subdivision,
1419 no person shall be deemed to have aided or abetted a violation of the
1420 provisions of this section unless (A) such person was the owner, officer,
1421 controlling shareholder or in a similar position of authority which
1422 allowed such person to make command or control decisions regarding
1423 the operations and management of another person who (i) is prohibited
1424 from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product under this
1425 section, and (ii) sold or offered any cannabis or cannabis product in
1426 violation of this section, (B) such person knew that such other person (i)
1427 is prohibited from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product

1428 under this section, and (ii) sold or offered any cannabis or cannabis
1429 product in violation of this section, (C) such person provided substantial
1430 assistance or encouragement in connection with the sale or offer of such
1431 cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section, and (D) such
1432 person's conduct was a substantial factor in furthering the sale or offer
1433 of such cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section.

1434 (3) Any person who manages or controls a commercial property, or
1435 who manages or controls a commercial building, room, space or
1436 enclosure, in such person's capacity as an owner, lessee, agent,
1437 employee or mortgagor, who knowingly leases, rents or makes such
1438 property, building, room space or enclosure available for use, with or
1439 without compensation, for the purpose of any sale or offer of any
1440 cannabis or cannabis product in violation of this section shall be
1441 assessed a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars for each violation. Each
1442 day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

1443 (4) No person other than the Attorney General, upon complaint of the
1444 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or a municipality in which the
1445 violation of this section occurred shall investigate any violation of this
1446 subsection, assess any civil penalty under this subsection or institute a
1447 civil action to recover any civil penalty imposed under this subsection.
1448 If a municipality institutes a civil action to recover any civil penalty
1449 imposed under this subsection, such penalty shall be paid first to the
1450 municipality to reimburse such municipality for the costs incurred in
1451 instituting such action. One-half of the remainder, if any, shall be
1452 payable to the treasurer of such municipality and one-half of such
1453 remainder shall be payable to the Treasurer and deposited in the
1454 General Fund.

1455 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
1456 imposition of any criminal penalty on any person who (1) is prohibited
1457 from selling or offering any cannabis or cannabis product under this
1458 section, and (2) sells or offers any cannabis or cannabis product in
1459 violation of this section.

1460 Sec. 12. Subsections (i) to (k), inclusive, of section 21a-420d of the 2024
1461 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
1462 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1463 (i) (1) Not later than August 1, 2021, and annually thereafter until July
1464 31, 2023, the council shall use the most recent five-year United States
1465 Census Bureau American Community Survey estimates or any
1466 successor data to determine one or more United States census tracts in
1467 the state that are a disproportionately impacted area and shall publish a
1468 list of such tracts on the council's Internet web site.

1469 (2) Not later than August 1, 2023, the council shall use poverty rate
1470 data from the most recent five-year United States Census Bureau
1471 American Community Survey estimates, population data from the most
1472 recent decennial census and conviction information from databases
1473 managed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
1474 Protection to identify all United States census tracts in the state that are
1475 disproportionately impacted areas and shall publish a list of such tracts
1476 on the council's Internet web site. In identifying which census tracts in
1477 this state are disproportionately impacted areas and preparing such list,
1478 the council shall:

1479 (A) Not deem any census tract with a poverty rate that is less than the
1480 state-wide poverty rate to be a disproportionately impacted area;

1481 (B) After eliminating the census tracts described in subparagraph (A)
1482 of this subdivision, rank the remaining census tracts in order from the
1483 census tract with the greatest historical conviction rate for drug-related
1484 offenses to the census tract with the lowest historical conviction rate for
1485 drug-related offenses; and

1486 (C) Include census tracts in the order of rank described in
1487 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision until including the next census
1488 tract would cause the total population of all included census tracts to
1489 exceed twenty-five per cent of the state's population.

1490 (3) On and after July 1, 2024, any reservation, as defined in section 47-
1491 63, of the Schaghticoke, Paucatuck Eastern Pequot or Golden Hill
1492 Paugussett indigenous tribe recognized by this state under subsection
1493 (b) of section 47-59a shall be deemed to be a disproportionately
1494 impacted area, provided such reservation includes at least ten acres of
1495 contiguous land and such land comprised part of such reservation on
1496 July 1, 2024.

1497 (4) On and after January 1, 2025, any parcel of land owned in fee
1498 simple by any indigenous tribe recognized by this state under
1499 subsection (b) of section 47-59a shall be deemed to be a
1500 disproportionately impacted area, provided such parcel includes at least
1501 ten acres of contiguous land and is located in a municipality that, prior
1502 to July 1, 2024, contained any portion of a disproportionately impacted
1503 area.

1504 (j) After developing criteria for workforce development plans as
1505 described in subdivision (4) of subsection (h) of this section, the council
1506 shall review and approve or deny in writing any such plan submitted
1507 by a producer under section 21a-420l or a hybrid-retailer under section
1508 21a-420u, as amended by this act.

1509 (k) The council shall develop criteria for evaluating the ownership
1510 and control of any equity joint venture created under section 21a-420m,
1511 as amended by this act, 21a-420u, as amended by this act, or 21a-420j
1512 and shall review and approve or deny in writing such equity joint
1513 venture prior to such equity joint venture being licensed under section
1514 21a-420m, as amended by this act, 21a-420u, as amended by this act, or
1515 21a-420j. After developing criteria for social equity plans as described in
1516 subdivision (5) of subsection (h) of this section, the council shall review
1517 and approve or deny in writing any such plan submitted by a cannabis
1518 establishment as part of its final license application. The council shall
1519 not approve any equity joint venture applicant which shares with an
1520 equity joint venture any individual owner who meets the criteria
1521 established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(50)] (54) of

1522 section 21a-420, as amended by this act, other than an individual owner
1523 in their capacity as a backer licensed under section 21a-420o, as
1524 amended by this act.

1525 Sec. 13. Subsection (c) of section 21a-420e of the 2024 supplement to
1526 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1527 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1528 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the following
1529 fees shall be paid by each applicant:

1530 (1) For a retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five
1531 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five
1532 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a
1533 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1534 (2) For a hybrid retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five
1535 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five
1536 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a
1537 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1538 (3) For a cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one
1539 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-
1540 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
1541 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1542 (4) For a micro-cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be
1543 two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall
1544 be five hundred dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
1545 of a final license shall be one thousand dollars.

1546 (5) (A) For a product manufacturer license, the fee to enter the lottery
1547 shall be seven hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional
1548 license shall be five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license
1549 or a renewal of a final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1550 (B) For a product manufacturer seeking authorization to expand the

1551 product manufacturer's authorized activities to include the authorized
1552 activities of a food and beverage manufacturer, the application fee for
1553 such expanded authorization shall be five thousand dollars and the fee
1554 to renew such expanded authorization shall be five thousand dollars.
1555 The fees due under this subparagraph shall be in addition to the fees
1556 due under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

1557 (6) (A) For a food and beverage manufacturer license, the fee to enter
1558 the lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a
1559 provisional license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive
1560 a final license or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand
1561 dollars.

1562 (B) For a food and beverage manufacturer seeking authorization to
1563 expand the food and beverage manufacturer's authorized activities to
1564 include the authorized activities of a product manufacturer, the
1565 application fee for such expanded authorization shall be twenty-five
1566 thousand dollars and the fee to renew such expanded authorization
1567 shall be twenty-five thousand dollars. The fees due under this
1568 subparagraph shall be in addition to the fees due under subparagraph
1569 (A) of this subdivision.

1570 (7) (A) For a product packager license, the fee to enter the lottery shall
1571 be five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be
1572 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
1573 of a final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1574 (B) For a product packager seeking authorization to expand the
1575 product packager's authorized activities to include the authorized
1576 activities of a product manufacturer, the application fee for such
1577 expanded authorization shall be thirty thousand dollars and the fee to
1578 renew such expanded authorization shall be thirty thousand dollars.
1579 The fees due under this subparagraph shall be in lieu of the fees due
1580 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

1581 (8) For a delivery service or transporter license, the fee to enter the

1582 lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional
1583 license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license
1584 or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1585 (9) For an initial or renewal of a backer license, the fee shall be one
1586 hundred dollars.

1587 (10) For an initial or renewal of a key employee license, the fee shall
1588 be one hundred dollars.

1589 (11) For an initial or renewal of a registration of an employee who is
1590 not a key employee, the fee shall be fifty dollars.

1591 (12) The license conversion fee for a dispensary facility to become a
1592 hybrid retailer shall be one million dollars, except as provided in section
1593 21a-420u, as amended by this act.

1594 (13) The license conversion fee for a producer to engage in the adult
1595 use cannabis market shall be three million dollars, except as provided in
1596 section 21a-420l.

1597 (14) For a dispensary facility license, the fee to enter the lottery shall
1598 be five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be
1599 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
1600 of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1601 (15) For a producer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one
1602 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-
1603 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal
1604 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1605 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420g of the 2024 supplement to
1606 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1607 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1608 (b) Except as provided in section 21a-420o, as amended by this act,
1609 and sections 6 to 8, inclusive, of this act, prior to the first date that the

1610 department begins accepting applications for a license type, the
1611 department shall determine the maximum number of applications that
1612 shall be considered for such license type and post such information on
1613 its Internet web site. Fifty per cent of the maximum number of
1614 applications that shall be considered for each license type (1) shall be
1615 selected through a social equity lottery for such license type, and (2)
1616 shall be reserved by the department for social equity applicants. If, upon
1617 the close of the application period for a license type, the department
1618 receives more applications than the maximum number to be considered
1619 in total or to be reserved for social equity applicants as set forth in this
1620 subsection, a third-party lottery operator shall conduct a lottery to
1621 identify applications for review by the department and the Social Equity
1622 Council.

1623 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420m of the 2024 supplement to
1624 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1625 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1626 (b) The equity joint venture shall be in any cannabis establishment
1627 licensed business, other than a cultivator license, provided such equity
1628 joint venture is at least fifty per cent owned and controlled by an
1629 individual or individuals who meet, or the equity joint venture
1630 applicant is an individual who meets, the criteria established in
1631 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(50)] (54) of section 21a-420,
1632 as amended by this act.

1633 Sec. 16. Section 21a-420o of the 2024 supplement to the general
1634 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1635 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1636 (a) Thirty days after the Social Equity Council posts the criteria for
1637 social equity applicants on its Internet web site, the department shall
1638 open up a three-month application period for cultivators during which
1639 a social equity applicant may apply to the department for a provisional
1640 cultivator license and final license for a cultivation facility located in a
1641 disproportionately impacted area without participating in a lottery or

1642 request for proposals. Such application for a provisional license shall be
1643 granted upon: (1) [verification] Verification by the Social Equity Council
1644 that the applicant meets the criteria for a social equity applicant; (2) the
1645 applicant submitting to and passing a criminal background check; and
1646 (3) payment of a three-million-dollar fee to be deposited in the Cannabis
1647 Social Equity and Innovation Fund established in section 21a-420f. Upon
1648 granting such provisional license, the department shall notify the
1649 applicant of the project labor agreement requirements of section 21a-
1650 421e. The department shall not grant an application for a provisional
1651 cultivator license under this subsection after December 31, 2025.

1652 (b) To obtain a final cultivator license under this section, the social
1653 equity applicant shall provide evidence of: (1) [a] A contract with an
1654 entity providing an approved electronic tracking system as described in
1655 section 21a-421n; (2) a right to exclusively occupy [a] the location [in a
1656 disproportionately impacted area] at which the cultivation facility will
1657 be located, which location shall be situated (A) in a disproportionately
1658 impacted area, or (B) in the case of an exclusively outdoor grow, in a
1659 municipality containing any portion of a disproportionately impacted
1660 area, provided (i) such outdoor grow is conducted on land that such
1661 municipality has approved for agricultural or farming uses, and (ii) all
1662 cultivation complies with the provisions of the regulations adopted, and
1663 policies and procedures issued, pursuant to section 21a-421j, as
1664 amended by this act, permitting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis; (3)
1665 any necessary local zoning approval and permits for the cultivation
1666 facility; (4) a business plan; (5) a social equity plan approved by the
1667 Social Equity Council; (6) written policies for preventing diversion and
1668 misuse of cannabis and sales of cannabis to underage persons; and (7)
1669 blueprints of the facility and all other security requirements of the
1670 department.

1671 Sec. 17. Section 21a-420p of the 2024 supplement to the general
1672 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1673 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1674 (a) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may issue or renew a
1675 license for a person to be a micro-cultivator. No person may act as a
1676 micro-cultivator or represent that such person is a licensed micro-
1677 cultivator unless such person has obtained a license from the
1678 department pursuant to this section.

1679 (b) A micro-cultivator is authorized to cultivate, grow, propagate,
1680 manufacture and package the cannabis plant at an establishment
1681 containing not less than two thousand square feet and not more than ten
1682 thousand square feet of grow space, prior to any expansion authorized
1683 by the commissioner, provided such micro-cultivator complies with the
1684 provisions of any regulations adopted under section 21a-420q
1685 concerning grow space. A micro-cultivator business shall meet physical
1686 security controls set forth and required by the commissioner.

1687 (c) A micro-cultivator may apply for expansion of its grow space, in
1688 increments of five thousand square feet, on an annual basis, from the
1689 date of initial licensure, if such licensee is not subject to any pending or
1690 final administrative actions or judicial findings. If there are any pending
1691 or final administrative actions or judicial findings against the licensee,
1692 the department shall conduct a suitability review to determine whether
1693 such expansion shall be granted, which determination shall be final and
1694 appealable only to the Superior Court. The micro-cultivator may apply
1695 for an expansion of its business annually upon renewal of its credential
1696 until such licensee reaches a maximum of twenty-five thousand square
1697 feet of grow space. If a micro-cultivator desires to expand beyond
1698 twenty-five thousand square feet of grow space, the micro-cultivator
1699 licensee may apply for a cultivator license one year after its last
1700 expansion request. The micro-cultivator licensee shall not be required to
1701 apply through the lottery application process to convert its license to a
1702 cultivator license. If a micro-cultivator maintains its license and meets
1703 all of the application and licensure requirements for a cultivator license,
1704 including payment of the cultivator license fee established under section
1705 21a-420e, as amended by this act, the micro-cultivator licensee shall be
1706 granted a cultivator license.

1707 (d) A micro-cultivator may label, manufacture, package and perform
1708 extractions on any cannabis cultivated, grown and propagated at its
1709 licensed establishment provided it meets all licensure and application
1710 requirements for a food and beverage manufacturer, product
1711 manufacturer or product packager, as applicable.

1712 (e) A micro-cultivator may sell, transfer or transport its cannabis to a
1713 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer, delivery service, food and
1714 beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, research program,
1715 cannabis testing laboratory or product packager, provided the cannabis
1716 is cultivated, grown and propagated at the micro-cultivator's licensed
1717 establishment and transported utilizing the micro-cultivator's own
1718 employees or a transporter. A micro-cultivator shall not gift or transfer
1719 cannabis or cannabis products at no cost to a consumer as part of a
1720 commercial transaction.

1721 (f) [A] (1) Subject to the requirements of this subsection and
1722 subsection (b) of section 21a-420c, as amended by this act, a micro-
1723 cultivator may sell its own cannabis, including, but not limited to, its
1724 own cannabis seedlings, to consumers, excluding qualifying patients
1725 and caregivers, either through a delivery service or utilizing its own
1726 employees. [, subject to the requirements of subsection (b) of section 21a-
1727 420c] No cannabis establishment other than a micro-cultivator shall sell
1728 cannabis seedlings to consumers.

1729 (2) No micro-cultivator shall sell a cannabis seedling to a consumer
1730 unless:

1731 (A) The micro-cultivator cultivated the cannabis seedling in this state
1732 from seed or clone;

1733 (B) The cannabis seedling (i) has a standing height of not more than
1734 six inches measured from the base of the stem to the tallest point of the
1735 plant, (ii) does not contain any bud or flower, and (iii) has been tested
1736 for pesticides and heavy metals in accordance with the laboratory
1737 testing standards established in the policies and procedures issued, and

1738 final regulations adopted, by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-
1739 421j, as amended by this act; and

1740 (C) A label or informational tag is affixed to the cannabis seedling
1741 disclosing the following in legible English, black lettering, Times New
1742 Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background and in
1743 uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a capital
1744 letter "K":

1745 (i) The name of the micro-cultivator;

1746 (ii) A product description for the cannabis seedling;

1747 (iii) One of the following chemotypes anticipated after flowering: (I)
1748 "High THC, Low CBD"; (II) "Low THC, High CBD"; or (III) "50/50 THC
1749 and CBD";

1750 (iv) The results of the testing required under subparagraph (B)(iii) of
1751 this subdivision;

1752 (v) Directions for optimal care of the cannabis seedling;

1753 (vi) Unobscured symbols, in a size of not less than one-half inch by
1754 one-half inch and in a format approved by the commissioner, which
1755 symbols shall indicate that the cannabis seedling contains THC and is
1756 not legal or safe for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age;
1757 and

1758 (vii) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking
1759 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under
1760 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by
1761 the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this act.

1762 (3) Notwithstanding section 21a-421j, as amended by this act, no
1763 cannabis seedling shall be required to be sold in child-resistant
1764 packaging.

1765 (4) No micro-cultivator shall knowingly sell more than three cannabis

1766 seedlings to a consumer in any six-month period.

1767 (5) No micro-cultivator shall accept any returned cannabis seedling.

1768 (6) Any micro-cultivator that engages in the delivery of cannabis as
1769 set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall maintain a secure
1770 location, in a manner approved by the commissioner, at the micro-
1771 cultivator's premises where cannabis that is unable to be delivered may
1772 be returned to the micro-cultivator. Such secure cannabis return location
1773 shall meet specifications set forth by the commissioner and published
1774 on the department's Internet web site or included in regulations adopted
1775 by the department. A micro-cultivator shall cease delivery of cannabis
1776 to consumers if [it] the micro-cultivator converts to being a cultivator.

1777 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420u of the 2024 supplement to
1778 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1779 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1780 (b) Any equity joint venture created under this section shall be
1781 created for the development of a cannabis establishment, other than a
1782 cultivator, provided such equity joint venture is at least fifty per cent
1783 owned and controlled by an individual or individuals who meet, or the
1784 equity joint venture applicant is an individual who meets, the criteria
1785 established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(50)] (54) of
1786 section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

1787 Sec. 19. Section 21a-420v of the general statutes is repealed and the
1788 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1789 (a) A dispensary facility or hybrid retailer may submit an application
1790 to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the
1791 commissioner, to relocate its current dispensary facility or hybrid
1792 retailer location. Such relocation application shall include:

1793 (1) The number of qualifying patients the applicant served during the
1794 six-month period preceding the date of such relocation application,
1795 broken down by month, and indicating whether such number increased

1796 or decreased over such six-month period;

1797 (2) Evidence of (A) alternative dispensary facilities and hybrid
1798 retailers located within a ten-mile radius of the applicant, prior to the
1799 proposed relocation, where qualifying patients may obtain medical
1800 marijuana products, and (B) available public transportation to the
1801 alternative dispensary facilities and hybrid retailers described in
1802 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

1803 (3) A statement disclosing whether the applicant will continue to
1804 provide delivery services to the qualifying patients the applicant serves
1805 prior to the proposed relocation and, if so, the duration and geographic
1806 scope of such delivery services;

1807 (4) A plan to communicate the proposed relocation to qualifying
1808 patients, including, but not limited to, the content and methods of, and
1809 timeframes and target audiences for, such communications; and

1810 (5) A plan to communicate with nearby dispensary facilities and
1811 hybrid retailers concerning the proposed relocation and the needs of the
1812 qualifying patients served by the applicant.

1813 [(a) Until June 30, 2023, the] (b) The commissioner may deny a
1814 [change of location] relocation application from a dispensary facility or
1815 hybrid retailer based on the needs of qualifying patients.

1816 [(b)] (c) Prior to June 30, 2022, the commissioner shall not approve the
1817 relocation of a dispensary facility or hybrid retailer to a location that is
1818 further than ten miles from its current dispensary facility or hybrid
1819 retailer location.

1820 Sec. 20. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420w of the 2024 supplement to
1821 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1822 thereof (Effective July 1, 2024):

1823 (d) A food and beverage manufacturer may sell, transfer or transport
1824 its own products to, or obtain cannabis from, a cannabis establishment,

1825 cannabis testing laboratory or research program, utilizing its employees
1826 or a transporter. A food and beverage manufacturer may not deliver any
1827 cannabis, cannabis products or food or beverage incorporating cannabis
1828 to a consumer, directly or through a delivery service.

1829 Sec. 21. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420x of the 2024 supplement to
1830 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1831 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1832 (d) A product manufacturer may sell, transfer or transport its own
1833 products to, or obtain cannabis from, a cannabis establishment, cannabis
1834 testing laboratory or research program, provided such transportation is
1835 performed by utilizing its own employees or a transporter. A product
1836 manufacturer may not deliver any cannabis to a consumer directly or
1837 through a delivery service.

1838 Sec. 22. Section 21a-420y of the 2024 supplement to the general
1839 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1840 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1841 (a) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may issue or renew a
1842 license for a person to be a product packager. No person may act as a
1843 product packager or represent that such person is a product packager
1844 unless such person has obtained a license from the department pursuant
1845 to this section.

1846 (b) A product packager may obtain cannabis from a producer,
1847 cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer or a
1848 product manufacturer, provided the product packager utilizes its own
1849 employees or a transporter. The product packager may sell, transfer or
1850 transport cannabis to and from any cannabis establishment, cannabis
1851 testing laboratory or research program, provided the product packager
1852 only transports cannabis packaged at its licensed establishment and
1853 utilizing its own employees or a transporter.

1854 (c) A product packager shall be responsible for ensuring that

1855 cannabis products are labeled and packaged in compliance with the
1856 provisions of RERACA and the policies and procedures issued by the
1857 commissioner to implement, and any regulations adopted pursuant to,
1858 RERACA.

1859 (d) A product packager shall ensure all equipment utilized for
1860 processing and packaging cannabis is sanitary and inspected regularly
1861 to deter the adulteration of cannabis.

1862 (e) (1) A product packager may expand the product packager's
1863 authorized activities to include the authorized activities of a product
1864 manufacturer if: (A) The product packager submits to the department
1865 (i) a completed license expansion application on a form and in a manner
1866 prescribed by the commissioner, and (ii) the fee prescribed in
1867 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section 21a-420e,
1868 as amended by this act; and (B) the commissioner authorizes the product
1869 packager, in writing, to expand such product packager's authorized
1870 activities to include the authorized activities of a product manufacturer.

1871 (2) A product packager that expands the product packager's
1872 authorized activities to include the authorized activities of a product
1873 manufacturer under this subsection shall comply with all provisions of
1874 this chapter, and all regulations, policies and procedures prescribed
1875 pursuant to this chapter, concerning product manufacturers. In the
1876 event of a conflict between any provision of this chapter, or any
1877 regulation, policy or procedure prescribed pursuant to this chapter,
1878 concerning product packagers and any such provision, regulation,
1879 policy or procedure concerning product manufacturers, the provision,
1880 regulation, policy or procedure imposing the more stringent public
1881 health and safety standard shall prevail.

1882 Sec. 23. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 21a-420z of the
1883 2024 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following
1884 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1885 (b) Upon application for a delivery service or transporter license, the

1886 applicant shall indicate whether the applicant is applying to (1)
1887 transport cannabis [(1)] and manufacturer hemp products, as defined in
1888 section 22-61l, between cannabis establishments, in which case the
1889 applicant shall apply for a transporter license, or (2) transport cannabis
1890 from certain cannabis establishments to consumers or qualifying
1891 patients and caregivers, or a combination thereof, in which case the
1892 applicant shall apply for a delivery service license.

1893 (c) A delivery service may (1) deliver cannabis from a micro-
1894 cultivator, retailer, or hybrid retailer directly to a consumer, and (2)
1895 deliver cannabis and medical marijuana products from a hybrid retailer
1896 or dispensary facility directly to a qualifying patient, caregiver, or
1897 hospice or other inpatient care facility licensed by the Department of
1898 Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that has protocols for the
1899 handling and distribution of cannabis that have been approved by the
1900 Department of Consumer Protection. A delivery service may not store
1901 or maintain control of cannabis or medical marijuana products for more
1902 than twenty-four hours between the point when a consumer, qualifying
1903 patient, caregiver or facility places an order, until the time that the
1904 cannabis or medical marijuana product is delivered to such consumer,
1905 qualifying patient, caregiver or facility.

1906 (d) A transporter may deliver cannabis and manufacturer hemp
1907 products, as defined in section 22-61l, between cannabis establishments,
1908 research programs and cannabis testing laboratories and shall not store
1909 or maintain control of cannabis for more than twenty-four hours from
1910 the time the transporter obtains the cannabis from a cannabis
1911 establishment, research program or cannabis testing laboratory until the
1912 time such cannabis is delivered to the destination.

1913 Sec. 24. Subsection (b) of section 21a-421j of the 2024 supplement to
1914 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1915 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1916 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with
1917 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding

1918 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to
1919 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and
1920 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue
1921 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of RERACA that
1922 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all
1923 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site and
1924 submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for
1925 posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the
1926 effective date of any policy or procedure. The commissioner shall also
1927 provide such policies and procedures, in a manner prescribed by the
1928 commissioner, to each licensee. Any such policy or procedure shall no
1929 longer be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy
1930 or procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight
1931 months from June 22, 2021, if such regulations have not been submitted
1932 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under
1933 section 4-170. The commissioner shall issue policies and procedures and
1934 thereafter final regulations that include, but are not limited to, the
1935 following:

1936 (1) Setting appropriate dosage, potency, concentration and serving
1937 size limits and delineation requirements for cannabis, provided a
1938 standardized serving of edible cannabis product or beverage, other than
1939 a medical marijuana product, shall contain not more than five
1940 milligrams of THC.

1941 (2) Requiring that each single standardized serving of cannabis
1942 product in a multiple-serving edible product or beverage is physically
1943 demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to determine how
1944 much of the product constitutes a single serving and a maximum
1945 amount of THC per multiple-serving edible cannabis product or
1946 beverage.

1947 (3) Requiring that, if it is impracticable to clearly demark every
1948 standardized serving of cannabis product or to make each standardized
1949 serving easily separable in an edible cannabis product or beverage, the

1950 product, other than cannabis concentrate or medical marijuana product,
1951 shall contain not more than five milligrams of THC per unit of sale.

1952 (4) Establishing, in consultation with the Department of Mental
1953 Health and Addiction Services, consumer health materials that shall be
1954 posted or distributed, as specified by the commissioner, by cannabis
1955 establishments to maximize dissemination to cannabis consumers.
1956 Consumer health materials may include pamphlets, packaging inserts,
1957 signage, online and printed advertisements and advisories and printed
1958 health materials.

1959 (5) Imposing labeling and packaging requirements for cannabis sold
1960 by a cannabis establishment that include, but are not limited to, the
1961 following:

1962 (A) Inclusion of universal symbols to indicate that cannabis, or a
1963 cannabis product, contains THC and is not legal or safe for individuals
1964 younger than twenty-one years of age, and prescribe how such product
1965 and product packaging shall utilize and exhibit such symbols.

1966 (B) A disclosure concerning the length of time it typically takes for
1967 the cannabis to affect an individual, including that certain forms of
1968 cannabis take longer to have an effect.

1969 (C) A notation of the amount of cannabis the cannabis product is
1970 considered the equivalent to.

1971 (D) A list of ingredients and all additives for cannabis.

1972 (E) [Child-resistant] Except as provided in subdivision (3) of
1973 subsection (f) of section 21a-420p, as amended by this act, child-
1974 resistant, tamper-resistant and light-resistant packaging. [, including
1975 requiring that an edible product be individually wrapped.] For the
1976 purposes of this subparagraph, packaging shall be deemed to be (i)
1977 child-resistant if the packaging satisfies the standard for special
1978 packaging established in 16 CFR 1700.1(b)(4), as amended from time to
1979 time, (ii) tamper-resistant if the packaging has at least one barrier to, or

1980 indicator of, entry that would preclude the contents of such packaging
1981 from being accessed or adulterated without indicating to a reasonable
1982 person that such packaging has been breached, and (iii) light-resistant if
1983 the packaging is entirely and uniformly opaque and protects the entirety
1984 of the contents of such packaging from the effects of light.

1985 (F) [Packaging for] Except as provided in subdivision (3) of
1986 subsection (f) of section 21a-420p, as amended by this act, (i) packaging
1987 for cannabis intended for multiple servings to be resealable in such a
1988 manner so as to render such packaging continuously child-resistant, as
1989 described in subparagraph (E)(i) of this subdivision, and preserve the
1990 integrity of the contents of such packaging, and (ii) if packaging for
1991 cannabis intended for multiple servings contains any edible cannabis
1992 product, for each single standardized serving to be easily discernible
1993 and (I) individually wrapped, or (II) physically demarked and
1994 delineated as required under this subsection.

1995 (G) Impervious packaging that protects the contents of such
1996 packaging from contamination and exposure to any toxic or harmful
1997 substance, including, but not limited to, any glue or other adhesive or
1998 substance that is incorporated in such packaging.

1999 (H) Product tracking information sufficient to determine where and
2000 when the cannabis was grown and manufactured such that a product
2001 recall could be effectuated.

2002 (I) A net weight statement.

2003 (J) A recommended use by or expiration date.

2004 (K) Standard and uniform packaging and labeling, including, but not
2005 limited to, requirements (i) regarding branding or logos, (ii) that all
2006 packaging be opaque, and (iii) that amounts and concentrations of THC
2007 and cannabidiol, per serving and per package, be clearly marked on the
2008 packaging or label of any cannabis product sold.

2009 (L) For any cannabis concentrate cannabis product that contains a

2010 total THC percentage greater than thirty per cent, a warning that such
2011 cannabis product is a high-potency product and may increase the risk
2012 of psychosis.

2013 (M) Chemotypes, which shall be displayed as (i) "High THC, Low
2014 CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is greater than five to one and the
2015 total THC percentage is at least fifteen per cent, (ii) "Moderate THC,
2016 Moderate CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is at least one to five but
2017 not greater than five to one and the total THC percentage is greater than
2018 five per cent but less than fifteen per cent, (iii) "Low THC, High CBD"
2019 where the ratio of THC to CBD is less than one to five and the total THC
2020 percentage is not greater than five per cent, or (iv) the chemotype
2021 described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subparagraph that most closely
2022 fits the cannabis or cannabis product, as determined by mathematical
2023 analysis of the ratio of THC to CBD, where such cannabis or cannabis
2024 product does not fit a chemotype described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of
2025 this subparagraph.

2026 (N) A requirement that, prior to being sold and transferred to a
2027 consumer, qualifying patient or caregiver, cannabis packaging be
2028 clearly labeled, whether printed directly on such packaging or affixed
2029 by way of a separate label, other than an extended content label, with:

2030 (i) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking
2031 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under
2032 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by
2033 the commissioner pursuant to this section; and

2034 (ii) The following information concerning the cannabis contained in
2035 such packaging, which shall be in legible English, black lettering, Times
2036 New Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background
2037 and in uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a
2038 capital letter "K", which information shall also be available on the
2039 Internet web site of the cannabis establishment that sells and transfers
2040 such cannabis:

2041 (I) The name of such cannabis, as registered with the department
2042 under the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted,
2043 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

2044 (II) The expiration date, which shall not account for any refrigeration
2045 after such cannabis is sold and transferred to the consumer, qualifying
2046 patient or caregiver.

2047 (III) The net weight or volume, expressed in metric and imperial
2048 units.

2049 (IV) The standardized serving size, expressed in customary units, and
2050 the number of servings included in such packaging, if applicable.

2051 (V) Directions for use and storage.

2052 (VI) Each active ingredient comprising at least one per cent of such
2053 cannabis, including cannabinoids, isomers, esters, ethers and salts and
2054 salts of isomers, esters and ethers, and all quantities thereof expressed
2055 in metric units and as a percentage of volume.

2056 (VII) A list of all known allergens, as identified by the federal Food
2057 and Drug Administration, contained in such cannabis, or the denotation
2058 "no known FDA identified allergens" if such cannabis does not contain
2059 any allergen identified by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

2060 (VIII) The following warning statement within, and outlined by, a red
2061 box:

2062 "This product is not FDA-approved, may be intoxicating, cause long-
2063 term physical and mental health problems, and have delayed side
2064 effects. It is illegal to operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence
2065 of cannabis. Keep away from children."

2066 (IX) At least one of the following warning statements, rotated
2067 quarterly on an alternating basis:

2068 "Warning: Frequent and prolonged use of cannabis can contribute to

2069 mental health problems over time, including anxiety, depression,
2070 stunted brain development and impaired memory."

2071 "Warning: Consumption while pregnant or breastfeeding may be
2072 harmful."

2073 "Warning: Cannabis has intoxicating effects and may be habit-
2074 forming and addictive."

2075 "Warning: Consuming more than the recommended amount may
2076 result in adverse effects requiring medical attention."

2077 (X) All information necessary to comply with labeling requirements
2078 imposed under the laws of this state [or] and federal law, including, but
2079 not limited to, sections 21a-91 to 21a-120, inclusive, and 21a-151 to 21a-
2080 159, inclusive, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 301 et
2081 seq., as amended from time to time, and the federal Fair Packaging and
2082 Labeling Act, 15 USC 1451 et seq., as amended from time to time, for
2083 similar products that do not contain cannabis.

2084 (XI) Such additional warning labels for certain cannabis products as
2085 the commissioner may require and post on the department's Internet
2086 web site.

2087 (6) Establishing laboratory testing standards, consumer disclosures
2088 concerning mold and yeast in cannabis and permitted remediation
2089 practices.

2090 (7) Restricting forms of cannabis products and cannabis product
2091 delivery systems to ensure consumer safety and deter public health
2092 concerns.

2093 (8) Prohibiting certain manufacturing methods, or inclusion of
2094 additives to cannabis products, including, but not limited to, (A) added
2095 flavoring, terpenes or other additives unless approved by the
2096 department, or (B) any form of nicotine or other additive containing
2097 nicotine.

- 2098 (9) Prohibiting cannabis product types that appeal to children.
- 2099 (10) Establishing physical and cyber security requirements related to
2100 build out, monitoring and protocols for cannabis establishments as a
2101 requirement for licensure.
- 2102 (11) Placing temporary limits on the sale of cannabis in the adult-use
2103 market, if deemed appropriate and necessary by the commissioner, in
2104 response to a shortage of cannabis for qualifying patients.
- 2105 (12) Requiring retailers and hybrid retailers to make best efforts to
2106 provide access to (A) low-dose THC products, including products that
2107 have one milligram and two and a half milligrams of THC per dose, and
2108 (B) high-dose CBD products.
- 2109 (13) Requiring producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product
2110 manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers to register brand
2111 names for cannabis, in accordance with the policies and procedures and
2112 subject to the fee set forth in, regulations adopted under chapter 420f.
- 2113 (14) Prohibiting a cannabis establishment from selling, other than the
2114 sale of medical marijuana products between cannabis establishments
2115 and the sale of cannabis to qualified patients and caregivers, (A)
2116 cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material with a total THC
2117 concentration greater than thirty per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (B)
2118 any cannabis product other than cannabis flower and cannabis plant
2119 material with a total THC concentration greater than sixty per cent on a
2120 dry-weight basis, except that the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this
2121 subdivision shall not apply to the sale of prefilled cartridges for use in
2122 an electronic cannabis delivery system, as defined in section 19a-342a
2123 and the department may adjust the percentages set forth in
2124 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision in regulations adopted
2125 pursuant to this section for purposes of public health or to address
2126 market access or shortage. As used in this subdivision, "cannabis plant
2127 material" means material from the cannabis plant, as defined in section
2128 21a-279a.

2129 (15) Permitting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis.

2130 (16) Prohibiting packaging that is (A) visually similar to any
2131 commercially similar product that does not contain cannabis, or (B) used
2132 for any good that is marketed to individuals reasonably expected to be
2133 younger than twenty-one years of age.

2134 (17) Allowing packaging to include a picture of the cannabis product
2135 and contain a logo of one cannabis establishment, which logo may be
2136 comprised of not more than three colors and provided neither black nor
2137 white shall be considered one of such three colors.

2138 (18) Requiring packaging to (A) be entirely and uniformly one color,
2139 and (B) not incorporate any information, print, embossing, debossing,
2140 graphic or hidden feature, other than any permitted or required label.

2141 (19) Requiring that packaging and labeling for an edible cannabis
2142 product, excluding the warning labels required under this subsection
2143 and a picture of the cannabis product described in subdivision (17) of
2144 this subsection but including, but not limited to, the logo of the cannabis
2145 establishment, shall only be comprised of black and white or a
2146 combination thereof.

2147 (20) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
2148 requiring that delivery device cartridges be labeled, in a clearly legible
2149 manner and in as large a font as the size of the device reasonably allows,
2150 with only the following information (i) the name of the cannabis
2151 establishment where the cannabis is grown or manufactured, (ii) the
2152 cannabis brand, (iii) the total THC and total CBD content contained
2153 within the delivery device cartridge, (iv) the expiration date, and (v) the
2154 unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking system
2155 maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under the
2156 policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by the
2157 commissioner pursuant to this section.

2158 (B) A cannabis establishment may emboss, deboss or similarly print

2159 the name of the cannabis establishment's business entity, and one logo
2160 with not more than three colors, on a delivery device cartridge.

2161 (21) Prescribing signage to be prominently displayed at dispensary
2162 facilities, retailers and hybrid retailers disclosing (A) possible health
2163 risks related to mold, and (B) the use and possible health risks related to
2164 the use of mold remediation techniques.

2165 Sec. 25. Subsection (b) of section 21a-421l of the general statutes is
2166 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2167 *2024*):

2168 (b) A cannabis establishment shall (1) store all cannabis in such a
2169 manner as to prevent diversion, theft or loss, (2) make cannabis
2170 accessible only to the minimum number of specifically authorized
2171 employees essential for efficient operation, and (3) return any cannabis
2172 to a secure location at the end of the scheduled business day. For the
2173 purposes of this subsection, a location shall be deemed to be secure if
2174 the location satisfies the requirements imposed in subsection (b) of
2175 section 21a-262-4 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies for
2176 controlled substances listed in schedules III, IV and V of the Connecticut
2177 controlled substance scheduling regulations adopted pursuant to
2178 section 21a-243.

2179 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 21a-421bb of the 2024 supplement to
2180 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2181 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2182 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, cannabis
2183 establishments shall not:

2184 (1) Advertise, including, but not limited to, through a business name
2185 or logo, cannabis, cannabis paraphernalia or goods or services related to
2186 cannabis:

2187 (A) In ways that target or are designed to appeal to individuals under
2188 twenty-one years of age, including, but not limited to, spokespersons or

2189 celebrities who appeal to individuals under the legal age to purchase
2190 cannabis or cannabis products, depictions of a person under twenty-five
2191 years of age consuming cannabis, or, the inclusion of objects, such as
2192 toys, characters or cartoon characters, suggesting the presence of a
2193 person under twenty-one years of age, or any other depiction designed
2194 in any manner to be appealing to a person under twenty-one years of
2195 age; or

2196 (B) By using any image, or any other visual representation, of the
2197 cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant, including, but not
2198 limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant;

2199 (2) Engage in any advertising by means of any form of billboard
2200 within one thousand five hundred feet of an elementary or secondary
2201 school ground or a house of worship, recreation center or facility, child
2202 care center, playground, public park or library, or engage in any
2203 advertising by means of a billboard between the hours of six o'clock a.m.
2204 and eleven o'clock p.m.;

2205 (3) Engage in advertising by means of any television, radio, Internet,
2206 mobile application, social media or other electronic communication,
2207 billboard or other outdoor signage, or print publication unless the
2208 cannabis establishment has reliable evidence that at least ninety per cent
2209 of the audience for the advertisement is reasonably expected to be
2210 twenty-one years of age or older;

2211 (4) Engage in advertising or marketing directed toward location-
2212 based devices, including, but not limited to, cellular phones, unless the
2213 marketing is a mobile device application installed on the device by the
2214 owner of the device who is twenty-one years of age or older and
2215 includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature and warnings that the
2216 use of cannabis is restricted to persons twenty-one years of age or older;

2217 (5) Advertise cannabis or cannabis products in a manner claiming or
2218 implying, or permit any employee of the cannabis establishment to
2219 claim or imply, that such products have curative or therapeutic effects,

2220 or that any other medical claim is true, or allow any employee to
2221 promote cannabis for a wellness purpose unless such claims are
2222 substantiated as set forth in regulations adopted under chapter 420f or
2223 verbally conveyed by a licensed pharmacist or other licensed medical
2224 practitioner in the course of business in, or while representing, a hybrid
2225 retail or dispensary facility;

2226 (6) Sponsor charitable, sports, musical, artistic, cultural, social or
2227 other similar events or advertising at, or in connection with, such an
2228 event unless the cannabis establishment has reliable evidence that (A)
2229 not more than ten per cent of the in-person audience at the event is
2230 reasonably expected to be under the legal age to purchase cannabis or
2231 cannabis products, and (B) not more than ten per cent of the audience
2232 that will watch, listen or participate in the event is expected to be under
2233 the legal age to purchase cannabis products;

2234 (7) Advertise cannabis, cannabis products or cannabis paraphernalia
2235 in any physical form visible to the public within five hundred feet of an
2236 elementary or secondary school ground or a recreation center or facility,
2237 child care center, playground, public park or library;

2238 (8) Cultivate cannabis or manufacture cannabis products for
2239 distribution outside of this state in violation of federal law, advertise in
2240 any way that encourages the transportation of cannabis across state lines
2241 or otherwise encourages illegal activity;

2242 (9) Except for dispensary facilities and hybrid retailers, exhibit within
2243 or upon the outside of the facility used in the operation of a cannabis
2244 establishment, or include in any advertisement, the word "dispensary"
2245 or any variation of such term or any other words, displays or symbols
2246 indicating that such store, shop or place of business is a dispensary;

2247 (10) Exhibit within or upon the outside of the premises subject to the
2248 cannabis establishment license, or include in any advertisement the
2249 words "drug store", "pharmacy", "apothecary", "drug", "drugs" or
2250 "medicine shop" or any combination of such terms or any other words,

2251 displays or symbols indicating that such store, shop or place of business
2252 is a pharmacy;

2253 (11) Advertise on or in public or private vehicles or at bus stops, taxi
2254 stands, transportation waiting areas, train stations, airports or other
2255 similar transportation venues including, but not limited to, vinyl-
2256 wrapped vehicles or signs or logos on transportation vehicles not
2257 owned by a cannabis establishment;

2258 (12) Display cannabis, cannabis products or any image, or any other
2259 visual representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis
2260 plant, including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant, so as
2261 to be clearly visible to a person from the exterior of the facility used in
2262 the operation of a cannabis establishment, or display signs or other
2263 printed material advertising any brand or any kind of cannabis or
2264 cannabis product, or including any image, or any other visual
2265 representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant,
2266 including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant, on the
2267 exterior of any facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment;

2268 (13) Utilize radio or loudspeaker, in a vehicle or in or outside of a
2269 facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment, for the
2270 purposes of advertising the sale of cannabis or cannabis products; [or]

2271 (14) Operate any web site advertising or depicting cannabis, cannabis
2272 products or cannabis paraphernalia unless such web site verifies that
2273 the entrants or users are twenty-one years of age or older; or

2274 (15) Engage in advertising or marketing that includes a discounted
2275 price or other promotional offering as an inducement to purchase any
2276 cannabis or cannabis product that is not a medical marijuana product.

2277 Sec. 27. Section 22-61m of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
2278 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
2279 *1, 2024*):

2280 (a) No person shall manufacture in the state without a license to

2281 manufacture issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.
2282 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a person who is
2283 licensed in another state to manufacture, handle, store and market
2284 manufacturer hemp products from applying for and obtaining a license
2285 in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2286 (b) Each applicant for a manufacturer license shall submit an
2287 application on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner
2288 of Consumer Protection.

2289 (c) The following fees shall apply for a license to manufacture:

2290 (1) A nonrefundable license application fee of seventy-five dollars;
2291 and

2292 (2) A nonrefundable licensing fee of three hundred seventy-five
2293 dollars for a license to manufacture hemp.

2294 (d) A license to manufacture issued by the Commissioner of
2295 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section shall expire triennially on
2296 June thirtieth. Such licenses shall not be transferable.

2297 (e) In accordance with a hearing held pursuant to chapter 54, the
2298 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may deny, suspend or revoke a
2299 manufacturer license, issue fines of not more than [two thousand five
2300 hundred] five thousand dollars per violation and place conditions upon
2301 a manufacturer licensee who violates the provisions of this section and
2302 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

2303 (f) (1) Any individual who manufactures in this state without
2304 obtaining a license pursuant to this section or who manufactures in this
2305 state after such entity's license is suspended or revoked shall be fined
2306 [two hundred fifty] ten thousand dollars in accordance with the
2307 provisions of section 51-164n.

2308 (2) Any entity who manufactures in this state without obtaining a
2309 license pursuant to this section, or who manufactures in this state after

2310 having a license suspended, shall be fined not more than [two thousand
2311 five hundred] five thousand dollars per violation after a hearing
2312 conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

2313 (g) Nothing in this chapter or any regulations adopted pursuant to
2314 this chapter shall be construed to apply to persons licensed pursuant to
2315 section 21a-408i nor to require persons licensed pursuant to said section
2316 to obtain a license pursuant to this chapter.

2317 (h) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may inspect and shall
2318 have access to the buildings, equipment, supplies, vehicles, records, real
2319 property and other information of any manufacturer applicant or
2320 licensee that the commissioner deems necessary to carry out the
2321 commissioner's duties pursuant to this section.

2322 (i) (1) Each manufacturer shall follow the protocol in this subsection
2323 for disposing of cannabis in the event that any hemp or hemp product
2324 is deemed to exceed the prescribed THC concentration, as determined
2325 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or a manufacturer
2326 licensee in possession of hemp or hemp products who desires to dispose
2327 of obsolete, misbranded, excess or otherwise undesired product. Each
2328 manufacturer licensee shall be responsible for all costs of disposal of
2329 hemp samples and any hemp produced by such licensee that violates
2330 the provisions of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this
2331 section. Any cannabis that exceeds the prescribed THC concentration
2332 allowable in hemp or hemp products shall be immediately embargoed
2333 by such manufacturer and clearly labeled as adulterated by such
2334 licensee and such licensee shall immediately notify both the Department
2335 of Consumer Protection and the Department of Agriculture, in writing,
2336 of such adulterated product. Such adulterated product shall be
2337 destroyed and disposed of by the following method, as determined by
2338 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

2339 (A) Surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or hemp product
2340 to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection who shall be responsible
2341 for the destruction and disposal of such adulterated product; or

2342 (B) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
2343 Consumer Protection.

2344 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
2345 subsection, upon written request of a manufacturer, the Commissioner
2346 of Consumer Protection may permit such manufacturer to combine
2347 different batches of raw hemp plant material to achieve a THC
2348 concentration of 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, in lieu of embargo
2349 or destruction.

2350 (j) The manufacturer or manufacturer's authorized designee
2351 disposing of the hemp or hemp products shall maintain and make
2352 available to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection a record of each
2353 such disposal or destruction of product indicating:

2354 (1) The date, time and location of disposal or destruction;

2355 (2) The manner of disposal or destruction;

2356 (3) The batch or lot information and quantity of hemp or hemp
2357 product disposed of or destroyed; and

2358 (4) The signatures of the persons disposing of the hemp or hemp
2359 products, the authorized representative of the Commissioner of
2360 Consumer Protection and any other persons present during the
2361 disposal.

2362 (k) Any hemp intended to be manufactured by a manufacturer into a
2363 manufacturer hemp product shall be tested by an independent testing
2364 laboratory located in this state. A manufacturer licensee shall make
2365 available samples, in an amount and type determined by the
2366 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of hemp for an independent
2367 testing laboratory employee to select random samples. The independent
2368 testing laboratory shall test each sample in accordance with the
2369 laboratory testing standards established in policies, procedures and
2370 regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j,
2371 as amended by this act.

2372 (l) Once a batch of hemp, intended to be sold as a manufacturer hemp
2373 product, has been homogenized for sample testing and eventual
2374 packaging and sale, until the independent testing laboratory provides
2375 the results from its tests and analysis, the manufacturer shall segregate
2376 and withhold from use the entire batch of hemp that is intended for use
2377 as a manufacturer hemp product, except the samples that have been
2378 removed by the independent testing laboratory for testing. During this
2379 period of segregation, the manufacturer licensee shall maintain the
2380 hemp batch in a secure, cool and dry location, as prescribed by the
2381 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, so as to prevent the hemp from
2382 becoming adulterated. Such manufacturer shall not manufacture or sell
2383 a manufacturer hemp product prior to the time that the independent
2384 testing laboratory completes testing and analysis and provides such
2385 results, in writing, to the manufacturer licensee who initiated such
2386 testing.

2387 (m) An independent testing laboratory shall immediately return or
2388 dispose of any hemp or manufacturer hemp product upon the
2389 completion of any testing, use or research. If an independent testing
2390 laboratory disposes of hemp or manufacturer hemp products, the
2391 laboratory shall dispose of such hemp in the following manner, as
2392 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

2393 (1) By surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or
2394 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer
2395 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of
2396 such hemp or hemp product; or

2397 (2) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
2398 Consumer Protection.

2399 (n) If a sample does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy
2400 metal or pesticide chemical residue test, based on the laboratory testing
2401 standards established in policies, procedures and regulations adopted
2402 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-
2403 421j, as amended by this act, the manufacturer licensee who sent such

2404 batch for testing shall:

2405 (1) Retest and reanalyze the hemp from which the sample was taken
2406 by having an employee from the same laboratory randomly select
2407 another sample from the same hemp batch. If the sample used to retest
2408 or reanalyze such hemp yields satisfactory results for all testing
2409 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory
2410 shall randomly select a different sample from the same hemp batch for
2411 testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results for all testing required
2412 under this section, the hemp batch from which the samples were taken
2413 shall be released for manufacturing, processing and sale;

2414 (2) If a remediation plan sufficient to ensure public health and safety
2415 is submitted to and approved by the commissioner, remediate the hemp
2416 batch from which the sample was taken and have a laboratory employee
2417 randomly select a sample from such remediated hemp batch for testing.
2418 If such randomly selected sample yields satisfactory results for any
2419 testing required under this section, an employee from a different
2420 laboratory shall randomly select a different sample from the same hemp
2421 batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results for all testing
2422 required under this section, the hemp batch from which the samples
2423 were taken may be released for manufacturing, processing or sale; or

2424 (3) If the manufacturer does not retest or remediate, or if any
2425 subsequent laboratory testing does not yield satisfactory results for any
2426 testing required under this section, dispose of the entire batch from
2427 which the sample was taken in accordance with procedures established
2428 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to subdivision
2429 (1) of subsection (i) of this section.

2430 (o) If a sample passes the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy metal
2431 and pesticide chemical residue test, the independent testing laboratory
2432 shall release the entire batch for manufacturing, processing or sale.

2433 (p) The independent testing laboratory shall file with the Department
2434 of Consumer Protection an electronic copy of each laboratory test result

2435 for any batch that does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy
2436 metal or pesticide chemical residue test, at the same time that it
2437 transmits such results to the manufacturer licensee who requested such
2438 testing. Each independent testing laboratory shall maintain the test
2439 results of each tested batch for a period of three years and shall make
2440 such results available to the Department of Consumer Protection upon
2441 request.

2442 (q) Manufacturers shall maintain records required by the federal act,
2443 this section, any regulation adopted pursuant to this section and the
2444 policies, procedures and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of
2445 Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this
2446 act. Each manufacturer shall make such records available to the
2447 Department of Consumer Protection immediately upon request and in
2448 electronic format, if available.

2449 (r) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
2450 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
2451 implement the provisions of this section including, but not limited to,
2452 establishing sampling and testing procedures to ensure compliance
2453 with this section, prescribing storage and disposal procedures for hemp,
2454 marijuana and manufacturer hemp products that fail to pass
2455 Department of Consumer Protection prescribed independent testing
2456 laboratory testing standards and establishing advertising and labeling
2457 requirements for manufacturer hemp products.

2458 (s) Any claim of health impacts, medical effects or physical or mental
2459 benefits shall be prohibited on any advertising for, labeling of or
2460 marketing of manufacturer hemp products regardless of whether such
2461 manufacturer hemp products were manufactured in this state or
2462 another jurisdiction. Any violation of this subsection shall be deemed an
2463 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
2464 110b.

2465 (t) Not later than February 1, 2020, the Commissioners of Agriculture
2466 and Consumer Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with

2467 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the general assembly
2468 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status
2469 of the pilot program, the development of the state plan and any
2470 regulations for such pilot program or state plan. Such report shall also
2471 include any legislative recommendations, including, but not limited to,
2472 any recommendations for requiring the registration of any
2473 manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state.

2474 (u) (1) Any person who sells manufacturer hemp products shall not
2475 be required to be licensed, provided such person only engages in: (A)
2476 The retail or wholesale sale of manufacturer hemp products in which no
2477 further manufacturing of hemp occurs, provided such manufacturer
2478 hemp products are acquired from a person authorized to manufacture
2479 the manufacturer hemp products under the laws of this state or another
2480 state, territory or possession of the United States or another sovereign
2481 entity; (B) the acquisition of manufacturer hemp products for the sole
2482 purpose of product distribution for resale; and (C) the retail sale of
2483 manufacturer hemp products that is authorized under federal or state
2484 law.

2485 (2) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or Commissioner of
2486 Revenue Services may, pursuant to section 4-182, summarily suspend
2487 any credential the Department of Consumer Protection or Department
2488 of Revenue Services, respectively, issued to any person who [sells
2489 manufacturer hemp products in violation of subdivision (1) of this
2490 subsection or subsections (v) to (y), inclusive, of this section] violates
2491 any provision of this section or chapter 214c, 228d, 420f or 420h.

2492 (v) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state, or to
2493 a consumer in this state, shall contain any synthetic cannabinoid, as
2494 defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

2495 (w) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state, or
2496 to a consumer in this state, shall be packaged, presented or advertised
2497 in a manner that is likely to mislead a consumer by incorporating any
2498 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other

2499 depiction that: (1) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or
2500 characteristic packaging of (A) cannabis offered for sale (i) in this state
2501 by a cannabis establishment licensed in this state, or (ii) on tribal land
2502 by a tribal-credentialed cannabis entity, or (B) a commercially available
2503 product other than a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420, as
2504 amended by this act; or (2) implies that the manufacturer hemp product
2505 (A) is a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended by
2506 this act, (B) contains a total THC concentration greater than three-tenths
2507 per cent on a dry-weight basis, or (C) is a high-THC hemp product, as
2508 defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

2509 (x) No manufacturer hemp product that is a food, beverage, oil or
2510 other product intended for human ingestion shall be distributed or sold
2511 in this state unless such product is contained within a package, or a label
2512 is affixed to such package, that includes:

2513 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response
2514 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form product
2515 batch by an independent testing laboratory and discloses:

2516 (A) The name of such product;

2517 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's
2518 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;

2519 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such
2520 package or label; and

2521 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such product,
2522 including, but not limited to, total THC and any cannabinoids or active
2523 ingredients comprising at least one per cent of such product;

2524 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable;

2525 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing that:

2526 (A) Children, or those who are pregnant or breastfeeding, should

2527 avoid using such product prior to consulting with a health care
2528 professional concerning such product's safety;

2529 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of
2530 children; and

2531 (C) The federal Food and Drug Administration has not evaluated
2532 such product for safety or efficacy; and

2533 (4) If such product is intended to be inhaled, a clear and conspicuous
2534 warning statement disclosing that smoking or vaporizing is hazardous
2535 to human health.

2536 (y) No manufacturer hemp product that is a topical, soap or cosmetic,
2537 as defined in section 21a-92, shall be distributed or sold in this state
2538 unless such product is contained within a package, or a label is affixed
2539 to such package, that includes:

2540 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response
2541 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form extract
2542 or final form product batch by an independent testing laboratory and
2543 discloses:

2544 (A) The name of such product;

2545 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's
2546 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;

2547 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such
2548 package or label; and

2549 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such batch,
2550 including, but not limited to, total THC and any marketed cannabinoids;

2551 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable; and

2552 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing the following:

2553 "THE FDA HAS NOT EVALUATED THIS PRODUCT FOR SAFETY
2554 OR EFFICACY."

2555 [(z) Any violation of subsections (u) to (y), inclusive, of this section
2556 shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection
2557 (a) of section 42-110b.]

2558 [(aa)] (z) Not later than October 31, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
2559 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, in
2560 consultation with the Department of Consumer Protection, publish a
2561 training bulletin to inform local law enforcement agencies and officers
2562 regarding the investigation and enforcement standards concerning
2563 cannabis and high-THC hemp products.

2564 [(bb)] (aa) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes: (1)
2565 CBD that is found in manufacturer hemp products shall not be
2566 considered a controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240, as
2567 amended by this act, or legend drug, as defined in section 20-571; and
2568 (2) CBD derived from hemp and contained in manufacturer hemp
2569 products shall not be considered a controlled substance or adulterant.

2570 (bb) No manufacturer hemp product shall: (1) Contain a total THC
2571 concentration of (A) greater than three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight
2572 basis, or (B) two and one-half milligrams of total THC on a per-container
2573 basis; or (2) be sold in packaging that contains more than two containers
2574 per package.

2575 (cc) No manufacturer hemp product containing more than one-half
2576 of one milligram of total THC shall be sold to any consumer who is
2577 younger than twenty-one years of age. No individual or entity shall sell
2578 to a consumer any manufacturer hemp product containing more than
2579 one-half of one milligram of total THC without first verifying the
2580 consumer's age by examining a current, valid and government-issued
2581 driver's license or identity card to establish that such consumer is
2582 twenty-one years of age or older.

2583 (dd) No manufacturer hemp product shall be offered for sale in this
2584 state in the same establishment that offers for sale any products that are
2585 not hemp products.

2586 (ee) (1) Any violation of subsections (u) to (y), inclusive, of this section
2587 shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection
2588 (a) of section 42-110b.

2589 (2) Any violation of subsections (bb) to (dd), inclusive, of this section
2590 shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection
2591 (a) of section 42-110b and shall be enforced by the Attorney General. The
2592 provisions of section 42-110g shall apply to any violation of subsections
2593 (u) to (dd), inclusive, of this section.

2594 (ff) (1) Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, prohibit
2595 the operation of any business within such municipality that is found to
2596 be in violation of the provisions of this section or if such operation poses
2597 an immediate threat to public health and safety.

2598 (2) If the chief executive officer of a municipality determines that a
2599 business within the municipality is operating in violation of the
2600 provisions of this section or poses an immediate threat to public health
2601 and safety, the chief executive officer may apply to the Superior Court
2602 for an order under subdivision (3) of this subsection.

2603 (3) Upon an application under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
2604 Superior Court, upon a finding that a business within the municipality
2605 is operating in violation of the provisions of this section or poses an
2606 immediate threat to public health and safety, may issue forthwith, ex-
2607 parte and without a hearing an order which shall direct the chief law
2608 enforcement officer of the municipality to take from such business
2609 possession and control of any merchandise related to such violation or
2610 immediate threat to public health and safety, which merchandise shall
2611 include, but need not be limited to, (A) any cannabis, cannabis product
2612 or manufacturer hemp product, (B) any cigarette, tobacco or tobacco
2613 product, (C) any merchandise related to the merchandise described in

2614 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision, and (D) any proceeds
2615 related to the merchandise described in subparagraphs (A) to (C),
2616 inclusive, of this subdivision.

2617 (4) As used in this subsection, (A) "cigarette" has the same meaning
2618 as provided in section 4-28h, (B) "immediate threat to public health and
2619 safety" includes, but is not limited to, the presence of (i) any cannabis,
2620 cannabis product or manufacturer hemp product in connection with a
2621 violation of this section, or (ii) any cigarette or tobacco product
2622 alongside any cannabis, cannabis product or manufacturer hemp
2623 product, and (C) "operation" and "operating" mean engaging in the sale
2624 of, or otherwise offering for sale, goods and services to the general
2625 public, including, but not limited to, through indirect retail sales.

2626 (gg) (1) Any person who violates any provision of subsections (bb) to
2627 (dd), inclusive, of this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of thirty
2628 thousand dollars for each violation. Each day that such violation
2629 continues shall constitute a separate offense.

2630 (2) Any person who aids or abets any violation of the provisions of
2631 subsections (bb) to (dd), inclusive, of this section shall be assessed a civil
2632 penalty of thirty thousand dollars for each violation. Each day that such
2633 person aids or abets such violation shall constitute a separate offense.
2634 For the purposes of this subdivision, no person shall be deemed to have
2635 aided or abetted a violation of the provisions of subsections (bb) to (dd),
2636 inclusive, of this section unless (A) such person was the owner, officer,
2637 controlling shareholder or in a similar position of authority which
2638 allowed such person to make command or control decisions regarding
2639 the operations and management of another person who (i) is prohibited
2640 from selling or offering any manufacturer hemp product under
2641 subsections (bb) to (dd), inclusive, of this section, and (ii) sold or offered
2642 any manufacturer hemp product in violation of subsections (bb) to (dd),
2643 inclusive, of this section, (B) such person knew that such other person
2644 (i) is prohibited from selling or offering any manufacturer hemp
2645 product under subsections (bb) to (dd), inclusive, of this section, and (ii)

2646 sold or offered any manufacturer hemp product in violation of
2647 subsections (bb) to (dd), inclusive, of this section, (C) such person
2648 provided substantial assistance or encouragement in connection with
2649 the sale or offer of such manufacturer hemp product in violation of
2650 subsections (bb) to (dd), inclusive, of this section, and (D) such person's
2651 conduct was a substantial factor in furthering the sale or offer of such
2652 manufacturer hemp product in violation of subsections (bb) to (dd),
2653 inclusive, of this section.

2654 (3) Any person who manages or controls a commercial property, or
2655 who manages or controls a commercial building, room, space or
2656 enclosure, in such person's capacity as an owner, lessee, agent,
2657 employee or mortgagor, who knowingly leases, rents or makes such
2658 property, building, room, space or enclosure available for use, with or
2659 without compensation, for the purpose of any sale or offer of any
2660 manufacturer hemp product in violation of subsections (bb) to (dd),
2661 inclusive, of this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of ten thousand
2662 dollars for each violation. Each day that such violation continues shall
2663 constitute a separate offense.

2664 (4) No person other than the Attorney General, upon complaint of the
2665 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or a municipality in which the
2666 violation of this section occurred shall investigate any violation of
2667 subsections (bb) to (dd), inclusive, of this section, assess any civil
2668 penalty under this subsection or institute a civil action to recover any
2669 civil penalty imposed under this subsection. If a municipality institutes
2670 a civil action to recover any civil penalty imposed under this subsection,
2671 such penalty shall be paid first to the municipality to reimburse such
2672 municipality for the costs incurred in instituting such action. One-half
2673 of the remainder, if any, shall be payable to the treasurer of such
2674 municipality and one-half of such remainder shall be payable to the
2675 Treasurer and deposited in the General Fund.

2676 (hh) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
2677 shipment or transportation through this state of any hemp that is

2678 lawfully produced under federal law.

2679 Sec. 28. Subsection (c) of section 22-61n of the 2024 supplement to the
2680 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2681 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2682 (c) Hemp or hemp products purchased by a producer, cultivator,
2683 micro-cultivator, [or] product manufacturer or food and beverage
2684 manufacturer from a third party shall be tracked as a separate batch
2685 throughout the manufacturing process in order to document the
2686 disposition of such hemp or hemp products. Once hemp or hemp
2687 products are received by a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, [or]
2688 product manufacturer or food and beverage manufacturer, such hemp
2689 or hemp products shall be deemed cannabis and shall comply with the
2690 requirements for cannabis contained in the applicable provisions of the
2691 general statutes and any regulations adopted pursuant to such
2692 provisions. A producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, [and] product
2693 manufacturer and food and beverage manufacturer shall retain a copy
2694 of the certificate of analysis for purchased hemp or hemp products and
2695 invoice and transport documents that evidence the quantity purchased
2696 and date received.

2697 Sec. 29. Subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the general statutes is
2698 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
2699 *2024*):

2700 (b) (1) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic
2701 liquor in sealed bottles or containers not to be consumed on the permit
2702 premises. The holder of a package store permit may, in accordance with
2703 regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection
2704 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54, (A) offer free samples of
2705 alcoholic liquor for tasting on the permit premises, (B) conduct fee-
2706 based wine education and tasting classes and demonstrations, and (C)
2707 conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a permittee or backer
2708 of the package store for a nominal charge to charitable nonprofit
2709 organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine education and tasting class or

2710 demonstration held on permit premises shall be conducted only during
2711 the hours the package store may sell alcoholic liquor under section 30-
2712 91. No tasting of wine on the permit premises shall be offered from more
2713 than ten uncorked bottles at any one time.

2714 (2) No store operating under a package store permit shall sell any
2715 commodity other than alcoholic liquor except, notwithstanding any
2716 other provision of law, such store may sell (A) cigarettes and cigars, (B)
2717 publications, (C) bar utensils, including, but not limited to, corkscrews,
2718 beverage strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume, or
2719 related to the consumption of, alcoholic liquor, (D) gift packages of
2720 alcoholic liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state
2721 shipper, which gift packages may include nonalcoholic items, other than
2722 food or tobacco products, if the dollar value of the nonalcoholic items in
2723 such gift package does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items
2724 in such gift package, (E) complementary fresh fruits used in the
2725 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (F) cheese, crackers or both,
2726 (G) olives, (H) nonalcoholic beverages, (I) concentrates used in the
2727 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (J) beer and wine-making kits
2728 and products related to such kits, (K) ice in any form, (L) articles of
2729 clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor
2730 industry, (M) gift baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, (N)
2731 multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, provided in all such cases the
2732 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, (O)
2733 lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection, if
2734 licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by the department, (P) devices
2735 and related accessories designed primarily for accessing and extracting
2736 a beverage containing alcohol from prepackaged containers, including,
2737 but not limited to, pods, pouches or similar containers, but excluding
2738 devices, including, but not limited to, household blenders, that are not
2739 designed primarily for such purposes, (Q) alcohol-infused confections
2740 containing not more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by weight
2741 and which the commissioner has approved for sale under section 21a-
2742 101, [and] (R) gift baskets containing only containers of alcoholic liquor
2743 and commodities authorized for sale under subparagraphs (A) to (Q),

2744 inclusive, of this subdivision, and (S) infused beverages, as defined in
2745 section 21a-420, as amended by this act, provided the package store
2746 permittee purchased such infused beverages from the holder of a
2747 wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under section
2748 30-17. A package store permit shall also allow the taking and
2749 transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise in other states.
2750 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package store permit
2751 shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket promotion or giveaway
2752 sponsored by the department. The annual fee for a package store permit
2753 shall be five hundred thirty-five dollars.

2754 Sec. 30. Section 30-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2755 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2756 (a) No holder of any manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state
2757 shipper's permit shall ship, transport or deliver within this state, or sell
2758 or offer for sale, any alcoholic liquors, except for beer manufactured by
2759 a permittee in this state and sold for consumption only on the
2760 permittee's premises, unless the name of the brand, trade name or other
2761 distinctive characteristic by which such alcoholic liquors are bought and
2762 sold, the name and address of the manufacturer thereof and the name
2763 and address of each wholesaler permittee who is authorized by the
2764 manufacturer or his authorized representative to sell such alcoholic
2765 liquors are registered with the Department of Consumer Protection and
2766 until such brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic has been
2767 approved by the department. Such registration shall be valid for a
2768 period of three years. The fee for such registration, or renewal thereof,
2769 shall be two hundred dollars for out-of-state shippers and fifteen dollars
2770 for Connecticut manufacturers for each brand so registered, payable by
2771 the manufacturer or such manufacturer's authorized representative
2772 when such liquors are manufactured in the United States and by the
2773 importer or such importer's authorized representative when such
2774 liquors are imported into the United States. The department shall not
2775 approve the brand registration of any fortified wine, as defined in
2776 section 12-433, which is labeled, packaged or canned so as to appear to

2777 be a wine or liquor cooler, as defined in section 12-433.

2778 (b) No manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper permittee
2779 shall discriminate in any manner in price discounts between one
2780 permittee and another on sales or purchases of alcoholic liquors bearing
2781 the same brand or trade name and of like age, size and quality, nor shall
2782 such manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper permittee allow
2783 in any form any discount, rebate, free goods, allowance or other
2784 inducement for the purpose of making sales or purchases. Nothing in
2785 this subsection shall be construed to prohibit beer manufacturers, beer
2786 wholesalers or beer out-of-state shipper permittees from differentiating
2787 in the manner in which their products are packaged on the basis of on-
2788 site or off-site consumption.

2789 (c) For alcoholic liquor other than beer, each manufacturer,
2790 wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee shall post with the
2791 department, on a monthly basis, the bottle, can and case price of any
2792 brand of goods offered for sale in Connecticut, which price when so
2793 posted shall be the controlling price for such manufacturer, wholesaler
2794 or out-of-state permittee for the month following such posting. On and
2795 after July 1, 2005, for beer, each manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-
2796 state shipper permittee shall post with the department, on a monthly
2797 basis, the bottle, can and case price, and the price per keg or barrel or
2798 fractional unit thereof for any brand of goods offered for sale in
2799 Connecticut which price when so posted shall be the controlling price
2800 for such brand of goods offered for sale in this state for the month
2801 following such posting. Such manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state
2802 shipper permittee may also post additional prices for such bottle, can,
2803 case, keg or barrel or fractional unit thereof for a specified portion of the
2804 following month which prices when so posted shall be the controlling
2805 prices for such bottle, can, case, keg or barrel or fractional unit thereof
2806 for such specified portion of the following month. Notice of all
2807 manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee prices
2808 shall be given to permittee purchasers by direct mail, Internet web site
2809 or advertising in a trade publication having circulation among the retail

2810 permittees except a wholesaler permittee may give such notice by hand
2811 delivery. Price postings with the department setting forth wholesale
2812 prices to retailers shall be available for inspection during regular
2813 business hours at the offices of the department by manufacturers and
2814 wholesalers until three o'clock p.m. of the first business day after the last
2815 day for posting prices. A manufacturer or wholesaler may amend such
2816 manufacturer's or wholesaler's posted price for any month to meet a
2817 lower price posted by another manufacturer or wholesaler with respect
2818 to alcoholic liquor bearing the same brand or trade name and of like age,
2819 vintage, quality and unit container size; provided that any such
2820 amended price posting shall be filed before three o'clock p.m. of the
2821 fourth business day after the last day for posting prices; and provided
2822 further such amended posting shall not set forth prices lower than those
2823 being met. Any manufacturer or wholesaler posting an amended price
2824 shall, at the time of posting, identify in writing the specific posting being
2825 met. On and after July 1, 2005, all wholesaler postings, other than for
2826 beer, for the following month shall be provided to retail permittees not
2827 later than the twenty-seventh day of the month prior to such posting.
2828 All wholesaler postings for beer shall be provided to retail permittees
2829 not later than the twentieth day of the month prior to such posting.

2830 (d) Monthly price schedules on a family brand case shall contain the
2831 bottle price for each item contained in the family brand case, the unit
2832 price and the case price. The bottle price posted for a family brand case
2833 shall be equal to the bottle price posted for the same month in a case
2834 containing the one class and specific brand of alcoholic liquor. For
2835 purposes of this subsection, "family brand" means a group of different
2836 products belonging to a single brand that are marketed under a parent
2837 brand. Family brand cases shall be assembled and packaged by the
2838 supplier or by a third party, on behalf of the supplier, and shall not be
2839 assembled by the wholesaler.

2840 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale or
2841 distribution of infused beverages, as defined in section 21a-420, as
2842 amended by this act.

2843 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes of this
 2844 section, "infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section
 2845 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

2846 (b) A fee of fifty cents shall be assessed by the holder of a wholesaler
 2847 permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under section 30-17 of the
 2848 general statutes on each infused beverage container sold to the holder
 2849 of a package store permit issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20 of
 2850 the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such fee shall not be subject
 2851 to any sales tax or treated as income pursuant to any provision of the
 2852 general statutes.

2853 (c) On January 2, 2025, and every six months thereafter, each holder
 2854 of a wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer issued under
 2855 section 30-17 of the general statutes shall remit payment to the
 2856 department for each infused beverage container sold during the
 2857 preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department
 2858 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer
 2859 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the
 2860 general statutes, as amended by this act, for the purpose of (1) protecting
 2861 public health and safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3)
 2862 ensuring compliance with cannabis and liquor control laws.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-8a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-240
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-408
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420c

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Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420d(i) to (k)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420e(c)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420g(b)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420m(b)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420o
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420p
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-420u(b)
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