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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS REGULATION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 21a-240 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

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

7 (1) "Abuse of drugs" means the use of controlled substances solely for  
8 their stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher  
9 functions of the central nervous system and not as a therapeutic agent  
10 prescribed in the course of medical treatment or in a program of  
11 research operated under the direction of a physician or pharmacologist,  
12 [;]

13 (2) "Administer" means the direct application of a controlled  
14 substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other  
15 means, to the body of a patient or research subject by: (A) A practitioner,

16 or, in [his] the practitioner's presence, by [his] the practitioner's  
17 authorized agent, or (B) the patient or research subject at the direction  
18 and in the presence of the practitioner, or (C) a nurse or intern under the  
19 direction and supervision of a practitioner. [;]

20 (3) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at  
21 the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, dispenser or prescribing  
22 practitioner. [ It] but does not include a common or contract carrier,  
23 public warehouseman, or employee of the carrier or warehouseman. [;]

24 (4) "Amphetamine-type substances" include amphetamine, optical  
25 isomers thereof, salts of amphetamine and its isomers, and chemical  
26 compounds which are similar thereto in chemical structure or which are  
27 similar thereto in physiological effect, and which show a like potential  
28 for abuse, which are controlled substances under this chapter unless  
29 modified. [;]

30 (5) "Barbiturate-type drugs" include barbituric acid and its salts,  
31 derivatives thereof and chemical compounds which are similar thereto  
32 in chemical structure or which are similar thereto in physiological effect,  
33 and which show a like potential for abuse, which are controlled  
34 substances under this chapter unless modified. [;]

35 (6) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs,  
36 United States Department of Justice, or its successor agency. [;]

37 (7) "Cannabis-type substances" include all parts of any plant, or  
38 species of the genus cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof whether  
39 growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of  
40 such a plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative,  
41 mixture or preparation of such plant, its seeds or resin; but shall not  
42 include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks,  
43 oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound,  
44 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such mature  
45 stalks, except the resin extracted therefrom, fiber, oil or cake, the  
46 sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of germination, or hemp,  
47 as defined in 7 USC 1639o, as amended from time to time. Included are

48 cannabion, cannabiol, cannabidiol and chemical compounds which  
49 are similar to cannabion, cannabiol or cannabidiol in chemical  
50 structure or which are similar thereto in physiological effect, and which  
51 show a like potential for abuse, which are controlled substances under  
52 this chapter unless derived from hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, as  
53 amended by this act. [;]

54 (8) "Controlled drugs" are those drugs which contain any quantity of  
55 a substance which has been designated as subject to the federal  
56 Controlled Substances Act, or which has been designated as a  
57 depressant or stimulant drug pursuant to federal food and drug laws,  
58 or which has been designated by the Commissioner of Consumer  
59 Protection pursuant to section 21a-243, as having a stimulant,  
60 depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions of the  
61 central nervous system and as having a tendency to promote abuse or  
62 psychological or physiological dependence, or both. Such controlled  
63 drugs are classifiable as amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-  
64 type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenic, morphine-type and other stimulant  
65 and depressant drugs. Specifically excluded from controlled drugs and  
66 controlled substances are alcohol, nicotine and caffeine. [;]

67 (9) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate  
68 precursor in schedules I to V, inclusive, of the Connecticut controlled  
69 substance scheduling regulations adopted pursuant to section 21a-243.  
70 [;]

71 (10) "Counterfeit substance" means a controlled substance which, or  
72 the container or labeling of which, without authorization, bears the  
73 trademark, trade name or other identifying mark, imprint, number or  
74 device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, distributor or  
75 dispenser other than the person who in fact manufactured, distributed  
76 or dispensed the substance. [;]

77 (11) "Deliver or delivery" means the actual, constructive or attempted  
78 transfer from one person to another of a controlled substance, whether  
79 or not there is an agency relationship. [;]

80 (12) "Dentist" means a person authorized by law to practice dentistry  
81 in this state. [;]

82 (13) "Dispense" means to deliver a controlled substance to an ultimate  
83 user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a  
84 practitioner, including the prescribing, administering, packaging,  
85 labeling or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for the  
86 delivery. [;]

87 (14) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses. [;]

88 (15) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or  
89 dispensing a controlled substance. [;]

90 (16) "Distributor" means a person who distributes and includes a  
91 wholesaler who is a person supplying or distributing controlled drugs  
92 which [he himself] the person personally has not produced or prepared  
93 to hospitals, clinics, practitioners, pharmacies, other wholesalers,  
94 manufacturers and federal, state and municipal agencies. [;]

95 (17) "Drug" means (A) substances recognized as drugs in the official  
96 United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of  
97 the United States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement to  
98 any of them; (B) substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure,  
99 mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man or animals; (C)  
100 substances, other than food, intended to affect the structure or any  
101 function of the body of man or animals; and (D) substances intended for  
102 use as a component of any article specified in subparagraph (A), (B) or  
103 (C) of this subdivision. It does not include devices or their components,  
104 parts or accessories. [;]

105 (18) "Drug dependence" means a psychoactive substance dependence  
106 on drugs as that condition is defined in the most recent edition of the  
107 "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" of the American  
108 Psychiatric Association. [;]

109 (19) "Drug-dependent person" means a person who has a

110 psychoactive substance dependence on drugs as that condition is  
111 defined in the most recent edition of the "Diagnostic and Statistical  
112 Manual of Mental Disorders" of the American Psychiatric Association.  
113 [.]

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

144 ceramic pipes with screens, permanent screens, hashish heads or  
145 punctured metal bowls; water pipes; carburetion tubes and devices;  
146 smoking and carburetion masks; roach clips; miniature cocaine spoons  
147 and cocaine vials; chamber pipes; carburetor pipes; electric pipes; air-  
148 driven pipes; chillums; bongs; ice pipes and chillers. "Drug  
149 paraphernalia" does not include a product used by a manufacturer  
150 licensed pursuant to this chapter for the activities permitted under the  
151 license or by an individual to test any substance prior to injection,  
152 inhalation or ingestion of the substance to prevent accidental overdose  
153 by injection, inhalation or ingestion of the substance, provided the  
154 licensed manufacturer or individual is not using the product to engage  
155 in the unlicensed manufacturing or distribution of controlled  
156 substances. As used in this subdivision, "roach clip" means an object  
157 used to hold burning material, including, but not limited to, a marijuana  
158 cigarette, that has become too small or too short to be held between the  
159 fingers. [;]

160 (B) "Factory" means any place used for the manufacturing, mixing,  
161 compounding, refining, processing, packaging, distributing, storing,  
162 keeping, holding, administering or assembling illegal substances  
163 contrary to the provisions of this chapter, or any building, rooms or  
164 location which contains equipment or paraphernalia used for this  
165 purpose. [;]

166 (21) "Federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC 801 et seq." means  
167 Public Law 91-513, the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and  
168 Control Act of 1970. [;]

169 (22) "Federal food and drug laws" means the federal Food, Drug and  
170 Cosmetic Act, as amended, Title 21 USC 301 et seq. [;]

171 (23) "Hallucinogenic substances" are psychodysleptic substances,  
172 other than cannabis-type substances, which assert a confusional or  
173 disorganizing effect upon mental processes or behavior and mimic  
174 acute psychotic disturbances. Exemplary of such drugs are mescaline,  
175 peyote, psilocyn and d-lysergic acid diethylamide, which are controlled

176 substances under this chapter unless modified. [;]

177 (24) "High-THC hemp product" means a manufacturer hemp  
178 product, as defined in section 22-61l, as amended by this act, that has, or  
179 is advertised, labeled or offered for sale as having, total THC that  
180 exceeds (A) for a hemp edible, hemp topical or hemp transdermal patch  
181 (i) one milligram on a per-serving basis, or (ii) five milligrams on a per-  
182 container basis, (B) for a hemp tincture, including, but not limited to, oil  
183 intended for ingestion by swallowing, buccal administration or  
184 sublingual absorption (i) one milligram on a per-serving basis, or (ii)  
185 twenty-five milligrams on a per-container basis, (C) for a hemp  
186 concentrate or extract, including, but not limited to, a vape oil, wax or  
187 shatter, twenty-five milligrams on a per-container basis, or (D) for a  
188 manufacturer hemp product not described in subparagraph (A), (B) or  
189 (C) of this subdivision, (i) one milligram on a per-serving basis, (ii) five  
190 milligrams on a per-container basis, or (iii) three-tenths per cent on a  
191 dry-weight basis for cannabis flower or cannabis trim.

192 [(24)] (25) "Hospital", as used in sections 21a-243 to 21a-283, inclusive,  
193 means an institution for the care and treatment of the sick and injured,  
194 approved by the Department of Public Health or the Department of  
195 Mental Health and Addiction Services as proper to be entrusted with  
196 the custody of controlled drugs and substances and professional use of  
197 controlled drugs and substances under the direction of a licensed  
198 practitioner. [;]

199 [(25)] (26) "Intern" means a person who holds a degree of doctor of  
200 medicine or doctor of dental surgery or medicine and whose period of  
201 service has been recorded with the Department of Public Health and  
202 who has been accepted and is participating in training by a hospital or  
203 institution in this state. Doctors meeting the foregoing requirements and  
204 commonly designated as "residents" and "fellows" shall be regarded as  
205 interns for purposes of this chapter. [;]

206 [(26)] (27) "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the  
207 Commissioner of Consumer Protection has found to be, and by

208 regulation designates as being, the principal compound commonly used  
209 or produced primarily for use, and which is an immediate chemical  
210 intermediary used or likely to be used, in the manufacture of a  
211 controlled substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail  
212 or limit manufacture. [;]

213 [(27)] (28) "Laboratory" means a laboratory approved by the  
214 Department of Consumer Protection as proper to be entrusted with the  
215 custody of controlled substances and the use of controlled substances  
216 for scientific and medical purposes and for purposes of instruction,  
217 research or analysis. [;]

218 [(28)] (29) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation,  
219 cultivation, growing, propagation, compounding, conversion or  
220 processing of a controlled substance, either directly or indirectly by  
221 extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means  
222 of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical  
223 synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance  
224 or labeling or relabeling of its container, except that this term does not  
225 include the preparation or compounding of a controlled substance by  
226 an individual for [his] the individual's own use or the preparation,  
227 compounding, packaging or labeling of a controlled substance: (A) By a  
228 practitioner as an incident to [his] the practitioner administering or  
229 dispensing of a controlled substance in the course of [his] such  
230 practitioner's professional practice, or (B) by a practitioner, or by [his]  
231 the practitioner's authorized agent under [his] such practitioner's  
232 supervision, for the purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching  
233 or chemical analysis and not for sale. [;]

234 [(29)] (30) "Marijuana" means all parts of any plant, or species of the  
235 genus cannabis or any infra specific taxon thereof, whether growing or  
236 not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant;  
237 every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation  
238 of such plant, its seeds or resin, any [product made using hemp, as  
239 defined in section 22-61l, which exceeds three-tenths per cent total THC  
240 concentration on a dry-weight basis] high-THC hemp product;



241 manufactured cannabinoids, synthetic cannabinoids, except as  
242 provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision; or cannabinon,  
243 cannabiol or cannabidiol and chemical compounds which are similar  
244 to cannabinon, cannabiol or cannabidiol in chemical structure or which  
245 are similar thereto in physiological effect, which are controlled  
246 substances under this chapter, except cannabidiol derived from hemp,  
247 as defined in section 22-61l, as amended by this act, [with a total THC  
248 concentration of not more than three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight  
249 basis] that is not a high-THC hemp product. "Marijuana" does not  
250 include: (A) The mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such  
251 stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other  
252 compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of  
253 such mature stalks, except the resin extracted from such mature stalks  
254 or fiber, oil or cake; (B) the sterilized seed of such plant which is  
255 incapable of germination; (C) hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, as  
256 amended by this act, (i) with a total THC concentration of not more than  
257 three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (ii) that is not a high-  
258 THC hemp product; (D) any substance approved by the federal Food  
259 and Drug Administration or successor agency as a drug and reclassified  
260 in any schedule of controlled substances or unscheduled by the federal  
261 Drug Enforcement Administration or successor agency which is  
262 included in the same schedule designated by the federal Drug  
263 Enforcement Administration or successor agency; or (E) synthetic  
264 cannabinoids which are controlled substances that are designated by the  
265 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by whatever official, common,  
266 usual, chemical or trade name designation, as controlled substances and  
267 are classified in the appropriate schedule in accordance with  
268 subsections (i) and (j) of section 21a-243. [;]

269 [(30)] (31) "Narcotic substance" means any of the following, whether  
270 produced directly or indirectly by extraction from a substance of  
271 vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or  
272 by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis: (A) Morphine-  
273 type: (i) Opium or opiate, or any salt, compound, derivative, or  
274 preparation of opium or opiate which is similar to any such substance

275 in chemical structure or which is similar to any such substance in  
276 physiological effect and which shows a like potential for abuse, which  
277 is a controlled substance under this chapter unless modified; (ii) any  
278 salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation of any such  
279 substance which is chemically equivalent or identical to any substance  
280 referred to in clause (i) of this subdivision, but not including the  
281 isoquinoline alkaloids of opium; (iii) opium poppy or poppy straw; or  
282 (iv) (I) fentanyl or any salt, compound, derivative or preparation of  
283 fentanyl which is similar to any such substance in chemical structure or  
284 which is similar to any such substance in physiological effect and which  
285 shows a like potential for abuse, which is a controlled substance under  
286 this chapter unless modified, or (II) any salt, compound, isomer,  
287 derivative or preparation of any such substance which is chemically  
288 equivalent or identical to any substance referred to in subclause (I) of  
289 this clause; or (B) cocaine-type; coca leaves or any salt, compound,  
290 derivative or preparation of coca leaves, or any salt, compound, isomer,  
291 derivatives or preparation of any such substance which is chemically  
292 equivalent or identical to any such substance or which is similar to any  
293 such substance in physiological effect and which shows a like potential  
294 for abuse, but not including decocainized coca leaves or extractions of  
295 coca leaves which do not contain cocaine or ecgonine. [;]

296 [(31)] (32) "Nurse" means a person performing nursing as defined in  
297 section 20-87a. [;]

298 [(32)] (33) "Official written order" means an order for controlled  
299 substances written on a form provided by the bureau for that purpose  
300 under the federal Controlled Substances Act. [;]

301 [(33)] (34) "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-  
302 forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being  
303 capable of conversion into a drug having addiction-forming or  
304 addiction-sustaining liability; it does not include, unless specifically  
305 designated as controlled under this chapter, the dextrorotatory isomer  
306 of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan and its salts (dextro-methorphan) but  
307 shall include its racemic and levorotatory forms. [;]

308 [(34)] (35) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species papaver  
309 somniferum l., except its seed. [;]

310 [(35)] (36) Repealed by P.A. 99-102, S. 51. [;]

311 [(36)] (37) "Other stimulant and depressant drugs" means controlled  
312 substances other than amphetamine-type, barbiturate-type, cannabis-  
313 type, cocaine-type, hallucinogenics and morphine-type which are found  
314 to exert a stimulant and depressant effect upon the higher functions of  
315 the central nervous system and which are found to have a potential for  
316 abuse and are controlled substances under this chapter. [;]

317 [(37)] (38) "Person" includes any corporation, limited liability  
318 company, association or partnership, or one or more individuals,  
319 government or governmental subdivisions or agency, business trust,  
320 estate, trust, or any other legal entity. Words importing the plural  
321 number may include the singular; words importing the masculine  
322 gender may be applied to females. [;]

323 [(38)] (39) "Pharmacist" means a person authorized by law to practice  
324 pharmacy pursuant to section 20-590, 20-591, 20-592 or 20-593. [;]

325 [(39)] (40) "Pharmacy" means an establishment licensed pursuant to  
326 section 20-594. [;]

327 [(40)] (41) "Physician" means a person authorized by law to practice  
328 medicine in this state pursuant to section 20-9. [;]

329 [(41)] (42) "Podiatrist" means a person authorized by law to practice  
330 podiatry in this state. [;]

331 [(42)] (43) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the  
332 opium poppy, after mowing. [;]

333 [(43)] (44) "Practitioner" means: (A) A physician, dentist, veterinarian,  
334 podiatrist, scientific investigator or other person licensed, registered or  
335 otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with  
336 respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course of

337 professional practice or research in this state; (B) a pharmacy, hospital  
338 or other institution licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to  
339 distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer a  
340 controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in  
341 this state. [;]

342 [(44)] (45) "Prescribe" means order or designate a remedy or any  
343 preparation containing controlled substances. [;]

344 [(45)] (46) "Prescription" means a written, oral or electronic order for  
345 any controlled substance or preparation from a licensed practitioner to  
346 a pharmacist for a patient. [;]

347 [(46)] (47) "Production" includes the manufacture, planting,  
348 cultivation, growing or harvesting of a controlled substance. [;]

349 [(47)] (48) "Registrant" means any person licensed by this state and  
350 assigned a current federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug  
351 Registry Number as provided under the federal Controlled Substances  
352 Act. [;]

353 [(48)] (49) "Registry number" means the alphabetical or numerical  
354 designation of identification assigned to a person by the federal Drug  
355 Enforcement Administration, or other federal agency, which is  
356 commonly known as the federal registry number. [;]

357 [(49)] (50) "Restricted drugs or substances" are the following  
358 substances without limitation and for all purposes: Datura stramonium;  
359 hyoscyamus niger; atropa belladonna, or the alkaloids atropine;  
360 hyoscyamine; belladonnine; apatropine; or any mixture of these  
361 alkaloids such as daturine, or the synthetic homatropine or any salts of  
362 these alkaloids, except that any drug or preparation containing any of  
363 the above-mentioned substances which is permitted by federal food and  
364 drug laws to be sold or dispensed without a prescription or written  
365 order shall not be a controlled substance; amyl nitrite; the following  
366 volatile substances to the extent that said chemical substances or  
367 compounds containing said chemical substances are sold, prescribed,

368 dispensed, compounded, possessed or controlled or delivered or  
369 administered to another person with the purpose that said chemical  
370 substances shall be breathed, inhaled, sniffed or drunk to induce a  
371 stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions  
372 of the central nervous system: Acetone; benzene; butyl alcohol; butyl  
373 nitrate and its salts, isomers, esters, ethers or their salts; cyclohexanone;  
374 dichlorodifluoromethane; ether; ethyl acetate; formaldehyde; hexane;  
375 isopropanol; methanol; methyl cellosolve acetate; methyl ethyl ketone;  
376 methyl isobutyl ketone; nitrous oxide; pentochlorophenol; toluene;  
377 toluol; trichloroethane; trichloroethylene; 1,4 butanediol. [;]

378 [(50)] (51) "Sale" is any form of delivery which includes barter,  
379 exchange or gift, or offer therefor, and each such transaction made by  
380 any person whether as principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee.  
381 [;]

382 [(51)] (52) "State", when applied to a part of the United States,  
383 includes any state, district, commonwealth, territory or insular  
384 possession thereof, and any area subject to the legal authority of the  
385 United States of America. [;]

386 [(52)] (53) "State food, drug and cosmetic laws" means the Uniform  
387 Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, section 21a-91 et seq. [;]

388 [(53)] (54) "Ultimate user" means a person who lawfully possesses a  
389 controlled substance for [his] the person's own use or for the use of a  
390 member of [his] such person's household or for administering to an  
391 animal owned by [him] such person or by a member of [his] such  
392 person's household. [;]

393 [(54)] (55) "Veterinarian" means a person authorized by law to  
394 practice veterinary medicine in this state. [;]

395 [(55)] (56) "Wholesaler" means a distributor or a person who supplies  
396 controlled substances that [he himself] the person personally has not  
397 produced or prepared to registrants. [as defined in subdivision (47) of  
398 this section;]

399 [(56)] (57) "Reasonable times" means the time or times any office, care-  
400 giving institution, pharmacy, clinic, wholesaler, manufacturer,  
401 laboratory, warehouse, establishment, store or place of business, vehicle  
402 or other place is open for the normal affairs or business or the practice  
403 activities usually conducted by the registrant. [;]

404 [(57)] (58) "Unit dose drug distribution system" means a drug  
405 distribution system used in a hospital or chronic and convalescent  
406 nursing home in which drugs are supplied in individually labeled unit  
407 of use packages, each patient's supply of drugs is exchanged between  
408 the hospital pharmacy and the drug administration area or, in the case  
409 of a chronic and convalescent nursing home between a pharmacy and  
410 the drug administration area, at least once each twenty-four hours and  
411 each patient's medication supply for this period is stored within a  
412 patient-specific container, all of which is conducted under the direction  
413 of a pharmacist licensed in Connecticut and, in the case of a hospital,  
414 directly involved in the provision and supervision of pharmaceutical  
415 services at such hospital at least thirty-five hours each week. [;]

416 [(58)] (59) "Cocaine in a free-base form" means any substance which  
417 contains cocaine, or any compound, isomer, derivative or preparation  
418 thereof, in a nonsalt form.

419 [(59)] (60) "THC" means tetrahydrocannabinol, including, but not  
420 limited to, delta-7, delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol, delta-9-  
421 tetrahydrocannabinol and delta-10-tetrahydrocannabinol, and any  
422 material, compound, mixture or preparation which contain their salts,  
423 isomers and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts,  
424 isomers and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical  
425 designation, regardless of the source, except: (A) Dronabinol substituted  
426 in sesame oil and encapsulated in a soft gelatin capsule in a federal Food  
427 and Drug Administration or successor agency approved product, or (B)  
428 any tetrahydrocannabinol product that has been approved by the  
429 federal Food and Drug Administration or successor agency to have a  
430 medical use and reclassified in any schedule of controlled substances or  
431 unscheduled by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or

432 successor agency.

433 [(60)] (61) "Total THC" means the sum of the percentage by weight of  
434 tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, multiplied by eight hundred seventy-  
435 seven-thousandths, plus the percentage of weight of  
436 [tetrahydrocannabinol] THC.

437 [(61)] (62) "Manufactured cannabinoid" means cannabinoids  
438 naturally occurring from a source other than marijuana that are similar  
439 in chemical structure or physiological effect to cannabinoids derived  
440 from marijuana, as defined in section 21a-243, but are derived by a  
441 chemical or biological process.

442 [(62)] (63) "Synthetic cannabinoid" means any material, compound,  
443 mixture or preparation which contains any quantity of a substance  
444 having a psychotropic response primarily by agonist activity at  
445 cannabinoid-specific receptors affecting the central nervous system that  
446 is produced artificially and not derived from an organic source naturally  
447 containing cannabinoids, unless listed in another schedule pursuant to  
448 section 21a-243.

449 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-19 of the general statutes is  
450 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
451 *2023*):

452 (a) The knowledge, skills and attitudes required to understand and  
453 avoid the effects of alcohol, of nicotine or tobacco and of drugs, as  
454 defined in [subdivision (17) of] section 21a-240, as amended by this act,  
455 on health, character, citizenship and personality development shall be  
456 taught every academic year to pupils in all grades in the public schools;  
457 and, in teaching such subjects, textbooks and such other materials as are  
458 necessary shall be used. Annually, at such time and in such manner as  
459 the Commissioner of Education shall request, each local and regional  
460 board of education shall attest to the State Board of Education that all  
461 pupils enrolled in its schools have been taught such subjects pursuant  
462 to this subsection and in accordance with a planned, ongoing and  
463 systematic program of instruction. The content and scheduling of

464 instruction shall be within the discretion of the local or regional board  
465 of education. Institutions of higher education approved by the State  
466 Board of Education to train teachers shall give instruction on the  
467 subjects prescribed in this section and concerning the best methods of  
468 teaching the same. The State Board of Education and the Board of  
469 Regents for Higher Education in consultation with the Commissioner of  
470 Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Commissioner of Public  
471 Health shall develop health education or other programs for elementary  
472 and secondary schools and for the training of teachers, administrators  
473 and guidance personnel with reference to understanding and avoiding  
474 the effects of nicotine or tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

475 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is  
476 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
477 *2023*):

478 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-  
479 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil  
480 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or  
481 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such  
482 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)  
483 the nature and the relationship of alcohol and drugs, as defined in  
484 [subdivision (17) of] section 21a-240, as amended by this act, to health  
485 and personality development, and procedures for discouraging their  
486 abuse, (2) health and mental health risk reduction education that  
487 includes, but need not be limited to, the prevention of risk-taking  
488 behavior by children and the relationship of such behavior to substance  
489 abuse, pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV-  
490 infection and AIDS, as defined in section 19a-581, violence, teen dating  
491 violence, domestic violence and child abuse, (3) school violence  
492 prevention, conflict resolution, the prevention of and response to youth  
493 suicide and the identification and prevention of and response to  
494 bullying, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10-222d, except that  
495 those boards of education that implement any evidence-based model  
496 approach that is approved by the Department of Education and is  
497 consistent with subsection (c) of section 10-145a, sections 10-222d, 10-



498 222g and 10-222h, subsection (g) of section 10-233c and sections 1 and 3  
499 of public act 08-160, shall not be required to provide in-service training  
500 on the identification and prevention of and response to bullying, (4)  
501 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other emergency life saving  
502 procedures, (5) the requirements and obligations of a mandated  
503 reporter, (6) the detection and recognition of, and evidence-based  
504 structured literacy interventions for, students with dyslexia, as defined  
505 in section 10-3d, (7) culturally responsive pedagogy and practice,  
506 including, but not limited to, the video training module relating to  
507 implicit bias and anti-bias in the hiring process in accordance with the  
508 provisions of section 10-156hh, and (8) the principles and practices of  
509 social-emotional learning and restorative practices. Each local or  
510 regional board of education may allow any paraprofessional or  
511 noncertified employee to participate, on a voluntary basis, in any in-  
512 service training program provided pursuant to this section.

513 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 10-221 of the general statutes is  
514 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
515 *2023*):

516 (e) Each local and regional board of education shall develop, adopt  
517 and implement policies and procedures in conformity with section 10-  
518 154a for (1) dealing with the use, sale or possession of alcohol or  
519 controlled drugs, as defined in [subdivision (8) of] section 21a-240, as  
520 amended by this act, by public school students on school property,  
521 including a process for coordination with, and referral of such students  
522 to, appropriate agencies, and (2) cooperating with law enforcement  
523 officials. On and after January 1, 2022, no such policies and procedures  
524 shall result in a student facing greater discipline, punishment or  
525 sanction for use, sale or possession of cannabis than a student would  
526 face for the use, sale or possession of alcohol.

527 Sec. 5. Subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section 10-233d of the  
528 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
529 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

530 (a) (1) Any local or regional board of education, at a meeting at which  
531 three or more members of such board are present, or the impartial  
532 hearing board established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, may  
533 expel, subject to the provisions of this subsection, any pupil in grades  
534 three to twelve, inclusive, whose conduct on school grounds or at a  
535 school-sponsored activity is violative of a publicized policy of such  
536 board and is seriously disruptive of the educational process or  
537 endangers persons or property or whose conduct off school grounds is  
538 violative of such policy and is seriously disruptive of the educational  
539 process, provided a majority of the board members sitting in the  
540 expulsion hearing vote to expel and that at least three affirmative votes  
541 for expulsion are cast. In making a determination as to whether conduct  
542 is seriously disruptive of the educational process, the board of education  
543 or impartial hearing board may consider, but such consideration shall  
544 not be limited to: (A) Whether the incident occurred within close  
545 proximity of a school; (B) whether other students from the school were  
546 involved or whether there was any gang involvement; (C) whether the  
547 conduct involved violence, threats of violence or the unlawful use of a  
548 weapon, as defined in section 29-38, and whether any injuries occurred;  
549 and (D) whether the conduct involved the use of alcohol.

550 (2) Expulsion proceedings pursuant to this section, except as  
551 provided in subsection (i) of this section, shall be required for any pupil  
552 in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, whenever there is reason to  
553 believe that any pupil (A) on school grounds or at a school-sponsored  
554 activity, was in possession of a firearm, as defined in 18 USC 921, as  
555 amended from time to time, or deadly weapon, dangerous instrument  
556 or martial arts weapon, as defined in section 53a-3, (B) off school  
557 grounds, did possess such a firearm in violation of section 29-35 or did  
558 possess and use such a firearm, instrument or weapon in the  
559 commission of a crime under chapter 952, or (C) on or off school  
560 grounds, offered for sale or distribution a controlled substance, as  
561 defined in [subdivision (9) of] section 21a-240, as amended by this act,  
562 whose manufacture, distribution, sale, prescription, dispensing,  
563 transporting or possessing with intent to sell or dispense, offering, or

564 administering is subject to criminal penalties under sections 21a-277 and  
565 21a-278. Such a pupil shall be expelled for one calendar year if the local  
566 or regional board of education or impartial hearing board finds that the  
567 pupil did so possess or so possess and use, as appropriate, such a  
568 firearm, instrument or weapon or did so offer for sale or distribution  
569 such a controlled substance, provided the board of education or the  
570 hearing board may modify the period of expulsion for a pupil on a case-  
571 by-case basis, and as provided for in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of  
572 this section.

573 (3) Unless an emergency exists, no pupil shall be expelled without a  
574 formal hearing held pursuant to sections 4-176e to 4-180a, inclusive, and  
575 section 4-181a, provided whenever such pupil is a minor, the notice  
576 required by section 4-177 and section 4-180 shall also be given to the  
577 parents or guardian of the pupil at least five business days before such  
578 hearing. If an emergency exists, such hearing shall be held as soon after  
579 the expulsion as possible. The notice shall include information  
580 concerning the parent's or guardian's and the pupil's legal rights and  
581 concerning legal services provided free of charge or at a reduced rate  
582 that are available locally and how to access such services. An attorney  
583 or other advocate may represent any pupil subject to expulsion  
584 proceedings. The parent or guardian of the pupil shall have the right to  
585 have the expulsion hearing postponed for up to one week to allow time  
586 to obtain representation, except that if an emergency exists, such hearing  
587 shall be held as soon after the expulsion as possible.

588 (b) For purposes of conducting expulsion hearings as required by  
589 subsection (a) of this section, any local or regional board of education or  
590 any two or more of such boards in cooperation may establish an  
591 impartial hearing board of one or more persons. No member of any such  
592 board or boards shall be a member of the hearing board. The hearing  
593 board shall have the authority to conduct the expulsion hearing and  
594 render a final decision in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-  
595 176e to 4-180a, inclusive, and section 4-181a.

596 (c) (1) In determining the length of an expulsion and the nature of the

597 alternative educational opportunity to be offered under subsection (d)  
598 of this section, the local or regional board of education, or the impartial  
599 hearing board established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, may  
600 receive and consider evidence of past disciplinary problems that have  
601 led to removal from a classroom, suspension or expulsion of such pupil.

602 (2) For any pupil expelled for the first time pursuant to this section  
603 and who has never been suspended pursuant to section 10-233c, except  
604 for a pupil who has been expelled based on possession of a firearm or  
605 deadly weapon as described in subsection (a) of this section, the local or  
606 regional board of education may shorten the length of or waive the  
607 expulsion period if the pupil successfully completes a board-specified  
608 program and meets any other conditions required by the board. Such  
609 board-specified program shall not require the pupil or the parent or  
610 guardian of the pupil to pay for participation in the program.

611 (d) No local or regional board of education is required to offer an  
612 alternative educational opportunity, except in accordance with this  
613 section. Any pupil under sixteen years of age who is expelled shall be  
614 offered an alternative educational opportunity, which shall be (1)  
615 alternative education, as defined by section 10-74j, with an  
616 individualized learning plan, if such board provides such alternative  
617 education, or (2) in accordance with the standards adopted by the State  
618 Board of Education, pursuant to section 10-233o, during the period of  
619 expulsion, provided any parent or guardian of such pupil who does not  
620 choose to have [his or her] such parent's or guardian's child enrolled in  
621 an alternative educational opportunity shall not be subject to the  
622 provisions of section 10-184. Any pupil expelled for the first time who  
623 is between the ages of sixteen and eighteen and who wishes to continue  
624 [his or her] such pupil's education shall be offered such an alternative  
625 educational opportunity if [he or she] such pupil complies with  
626 conditions established by [his or her] such pupil's local or regional board  
627 of education. Such alternative educational opportunity may include, but  
628 shall not be limited to, the placement of a pupil who is at least seventeen  
629 years of age in an adult education program pursuant to section 10-69.  
630 Any pupil participating in any such adult education program during a

631 period of expulsion shall not be required to withdraw from school under  
632 section 10-184. A local or regional board of education shall count the  
633 expulsion of a pupil when [he] the pupil was under sixteen years of age  
634 for purposes of determining whether an alternative educational  
635 opportunity is required for such pupil when [he] such pupil is between  
636 the ages of sixteen and eighteen. A local or regional board of education  
637 may offer an alternative educational opportunity to a pupil for whom  
638 such alternative educational opportunity is not required pursuant to  
639 this section.

640 (e) If a pupil is expelled pursuant to this section for possession of a  
641 firearm, as defined in 18 USC 921, as amended from time to time, or  
642 deadly weapon, dangerous instrument or martial arts weapon, as  
643 defined in section 53a-3, the board of education shall report the violation  
644 to the local police department or in the case of a student enrolled in a  
645 technical education and career school to the state police. If a pupil is  
646 expelled pursuant to this section for the sale or distribution of a  
647 controlled substance, as defined in [subdivision (9) of] section 21a-240,  
648 as amended by this act, whose manufacture, distribution, sale,  
649 prescription, dispensing, transporting or possessing with the intent to  
650 sell or dispense, offering, or administration is subject to criminal  
651 penalties under sections 21a-277 and 21a-278, the board of education  
652 shall refer the pupil to an appropriate state or local agency for  
653 rehabilitation, intervention or job training, or any combination thereof,  
654 and inform the agency of its action.

655 Sec. 6. Section 10a-18 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
656 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

657 On and after September 1, 1974, all state institutions of higher  
658 education shall offer a program of information concerning drugs, as  
659 defined in [subdivision (17) of] section 21a-240, as amended by this act,  
660 and alcohol and instruction in the use and the relationships of such  
661 drugs and alcohol to health and personality development, and in  
662 procedures for discouraging their abuse, which programs shall be  
663 coordinated with those developed under section 10-19, as amended by

664 this act.

665 Sec. 7. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10a-55c of the  
666 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
667 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

668 (4) A statement of policy regarding the possession, use and sale of  
669 alcoholic beverages and controlled substances, as defined in  
670 [subdivision (9) of] section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

671 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 20-34 of the general statutes is  
672 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
673 *2023*):

674 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "natural substances"  
675 means substances that are not narcotic substances, as defined in  
676 [subdivision (30) of] section 21a-240, as amended by this act, do not  
677 require the written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be  
678 dispensed and are only administered orally.

679 Sec. 9. Section 21a-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
680 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

681 No person shall manufacture, possess, have under his control, sell,  
682 prescribe, dispense, compound, process, deliver or administer to  
683 another person any restricted substance, except as authorized in this  
684 chapter and section 10-212a, except that no vendor of the volatile  
685 substances enumerated in subdivision [(49)] (50) of section 21a-240, as  
686 amended by this act, shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of  
687 this chapter insofar as sale, dispensing or delivering of one or more of  
688 said volatile substances or compounds containing said chemical  
689 substances is concerned, unless he knew or should have known of the  
690 improper purpose to which such substance was to be put. Insofar as  
691 substances containing said substances are possessed, sold, dispensed,  
692 compounded or delivered for licit purposes, i.e., other than to produce  
693 a stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher  
694 functions of the central nervous system by breathing, inhaling, sniffing

695 or drinking, such substances are expressly not restricted and neither the  
696 regulatory provisions, including but not limited to record keeping,  
697 licensing and the writing of prescriptions nor the criminal sanctions and  
698 proscriptions of this chapter shall apply.

699 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 21a-248 of the general statutes is  
700 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
701 *2023*):

702 (a) A licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may sell and dispense  
703 controlled drugs to any of the following-named persons, but in the case  
704 of schedule II drugs only on an official written order or electronically  
705 through the Drug Enforcement Agency's Controlled Substance  
706 Ordering System: (1) To a manufacturer, wholesaler or pharmacist; (2)  
707 to a physician, dentist or veterinarian; (3) to a person in charge of a  
708 hospital, incorporated college or scientific institution, but only for use  
709 by or in that hospital, incorporated college or scientific institution for  
710 medical or scientific purposes; (4) to a person in charge of a laboratory,  
711 but only for use in that laboratory for scientific and medical purposes;  
712 and (5) to any registrant as defined in [subdivision (47) of] section 21a-  
713 240, as amended by this act.

714 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 21a-267 of the general statutes is  
715 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
716 *2023*):

717 (a) No person shall use or possess with intent to use drug  
718 paraphernalia, as defined in subdivision (20) of section 21a-240, as  
719 amended by this act, to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest,  
720 manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test,  
721 analyze, pack, repack, store, contain or conceal, or to ingest, inhale or  
722 otherwise introduce into the human body, any controlled substance, as  
723 defined in [subdivision (9) of] section 21a-240, as amended by this act,  
724 other than cannabis. Any person who violates any provision of this  
725 subsection shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

726 Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 21a-279 of the general statutes is

727 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
728 *2023*):

729 (c) To the extent that it is possible, medical treatment rather than  
730 criminal sanctions shall be afforded individuals who breathe, inhale,  
731 sniff or drink the volatile substances described in subdivision [(49)] (50)  
732 of section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

733 Sec. 13. Section 21a-281 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
734 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

735 One who is found to have inhaled or to be under the influence of one  
736 or more of the volatile substances enumerated in subdivision [(49)] (50)  
737 of section 21a-240, as amended by this act, shall be presumed to be  
738 psychologically dependent upon such volatile substance or substances.

739 Sec. 14. Section 21a-408 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
740 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

741 As used in this section, sections 21a-408a to 21a-408o, inclusive, and  
742 sections 21a-408r to 21a-408v, inclusive, as amended by this act, unless  
743 the context otherwise requires:

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

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

748 (3) "Cannabis testing laboratory" means a person who (A) is located  
749 in this state, (B) is licensed by the department to analyze marijuana, and  
750 (C) meets the licensure requirements established in section 21a-408r, as  
751 amended by this act, and the regulations adopted pursuant to  
752 subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as amended by this act;

753 (4) "Cannabis testing laboratory employee" means a person who is  
754 (A) employed at a cannabis testing laboratory, and (B) registered  
755 pursuant to section 21a-408r, as amended by this act, and the regulations



756 adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as amended by  
757 this act;

758 (5) "Caregiver" means a person, other than the qualifying patient and  
759 the qualifying patient's physician, physician assistant or advanced  
760 practice registered nurse, who is eighteen years of age or older and has  
761 agreed to undertake responsibility for managing the well-being of the  
762 qualifying patient with respect to the palliative use of marijuana,  
763 provided (A) in the case of a qualifying patient (i) under eighteen years  
764 of age and not an emancipated minor, or (ii) otherwise lacking legal  
765 capacity, such person shall be a parent, guardian or person having legal  
766 custody of such qualifying patient, and (B) in the case of a qualifying  
767 patient eighteen years of age or older or an emancipated minor, the need  
768 for such person shall be evaluated by the qualifying patient's physician,  
769 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse and such need  
770 shall be documented in the written certification;

771 [(3)] (6) "Cultivation" includes planting, propagating, cultivating,  
772 growing and harvesting;

773 [(4)] (7) "Debilitating medical condition" means (A) cancer, glaucoma,  
774 positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune  
775 deficiency syndrome, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to  
776 the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological  
777 indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy or uncontrolled intractable  
778 seizure disorder, cachexia, wasting syndrome, Crohn's disease,  
779 posttraumatic stress disorder, irreversible spinal cord injury with  
780 objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, cerebral palsy,  
781 cystic fibrosis or terminal illness requiring end-of-life care, except, if the  
782 qualifying patient is under eighteen years of age, "debilitating medical  
783 condition" means terminal illness requiring end-of-life care, irreversible  
784 spinal cord injury with objective neurological indication of intractable  
785 spasticity, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, severe epilepsy or uncontrolled  
786 intractable seizure disorder, or (B) any medical condition, medical  
787 treatment or disease approved for qualifying patients by the  
788 Department of Consumer Protection and posted online pursuant to

789 section 21a-408l;

790 [(5)] (8) "Dispensary facility" means a place of business where  
791 marijuana may be dispensed, sold or distributed in accordance with this  
792 chapter and any regulations adopted thereunder to qualifying patients  
793 and caregivers and for which the department has issued a dispensary  
794 facility license pursuant to this chapter;

795 [(6)] (9) "Employee" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
796 420, as amended by this act;

797 [(7)] (10) "Institutional animal care and use committee" means a  
798 committee that oversees an organization's animal program, facilities  
799 and procedures to ensure compliance with federal policies, guidelines  
800 and principles related to the care and use of animals in research;

801 [(8)] (11) "Institutional review board" means a specifically constituted  
802 review body established or designated by an organization to protect the  
803 rights and welfare of persons recruited to participate in biomedical,  
804 behavioral or social science research;

805 [(9) "Laboratory" means a laboratory located in the state that is  
806 licensed by the department to provide analysis of marijuana and that  
807 meets the licensure requirements set forth in section 21a-246;

808 (10) "Laboratory employee" means a person who is registered as a  
809 laboratory employee pursuant to section 21a-408r;]

810 [(11)] (12) "Licensed dispensary" or "dispensary" means an individual  
811 who is a licensed pharmacist employed by a dispensary facility or  
812 hybrid retailer;

813 [(12) "Producer" means a person who is licensed as a producer  
814 pursuant to section 21a-408i;]

815 (13) "Marijuana" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240, as  
816 amended by this act;

817 (14) "Nurse" means a person who is licensed as a nurse under chapter  
818 378;

819 (15) "Palliative use" means the acquisition, distribution, transfer,  
820 possession, use or transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia relating  
821 to marijuana, including the transfer of marijuana and paraphernalia  
822 relating to marijuana from the patient's caregiver to the qualifying  
823 patient, to alleviate a qualifying patient's symptoms of a debilitating  
824 medical condition or the effects of such symptoms, but does not include  
825 any such use of marijuana by any person other than the qualifying  
826 patient;

827 (16) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in section  
828 21a-240, as amended by this act;

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

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

833 [(19) "Caregiver" means a person, other than the qualifying patient  
834 and the qualifying patient's physician, physician assistant or advanced  
835 practice registered nurse, who is eighteen years of age or older and has  
836 agreed to undertake responsibility for managing the well-being of the  
837 qualifying patient with respect to the palliative use of marijuana,  
838 provided (A) in the case of a qualifying patient (i) under eighteen years  
839 of age and not an emancipated minor, or (ii) otherwise lacking legal  
840 capacity, such person shall be a parent, guardian or person having legal  
841 custody of such qualifying patient, and (B) in the case of a qualifying  
842 patient eighteen years of age or older or an emancipated minor, the need  
843 for such person shall be evaluated by the qualifying patient's physician,  
844 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse and such need  
845 shall be documented in the written certification;]

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

848 (20) "Qualifying patient" means a person who: (A) Is a resident of  
849 Connecticut, (B) has been diagnosed by a physician, physician assistant  
850 or advanced practice registered nurse as having a debilitating medical  
851 condition, and (C) (i) is eighteen years of age or older, (ii) is an  
852 emancipated minor, or (iii) has written consent from a custodial parent,  
853 guardian or other person having legal custody of such person that  
854 indicates that such person has permission from such parent, guardian  
855 or other person for the palliative use of marijuana for a debilitating  
856 medical condition and that such parent, guardian or other person will  
857 (I) serve as a caregiver for the qualifying patient, and (II) control the  
858 acquisition and possession of marijuana and any related paraphernalia  
859 for palliative use on behalf of such person. "Qualifying patient" does not  
860 include an inmate confined in a correctional institution or facility under  
861 the supervision of the Department of Correction;

862 (21) "Research program" means a study approved by the Department  
863 of Consumer Protection in accordance with this chapter and undertaken  
864 to increase information or knowledge regarding the growth or  
865 processing of marijuana, or the medical attributes, dosage forms,  
866 administration or use of marijuana to treat or alleviate symptoms of any  
867 medical conditions or the effects of such symptoms;

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

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

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

878 (25) "Written certification" means a written certification issued by a  
879 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse

880 pursuant to section 21a-408c.

881 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 21a-408b of the general statutes is  
882 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
883 *2023*):

884 (a) No person may serve as a caregiver for a qualifying patient [(1)]  
885 unless such qualifying patient has a valid registration certificate from  
886 the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of  
887 section 21a-408d. [, and (2) if such person has been convicted of a  
888 violation of any law pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale or  
889 distribution of a controlled substance.] A caregiver may not be  
890 responsible for the care of more than one qualifying patient at any time,  
891 except that a caregiver may be responsible for the care of more than one  
892 qualifying patient if the caregiver and each qualifying patient have a  
893 parental, grandparental, guardianship, conservatorship, spousal or  
894 sibling relationship.

895 Sec. 16. Section 21a-408h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
896 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

897 (a) No person may act as a dispensary or represent that such person  
898 is a licensed dispensary unless such person has obtained a license from  
899 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

900 (b) No person may act as a dispensary facility or represent that such  
901 person is a licensed dispensary facility unless such person has obtained  
902 a license from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to  
903 this section.

904 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall determine the  
905 number of dispensary facilities appropriate to meet the needs of  
906 qualifying patients in this state and shall adopt regulations, in  
907 accordance with chapter 54, to provide for the licensure and standards  
908 for dispensary facilities in this state and specify the maximum number  
909 of dispensary facilities that may be licensed in this state. On and after  
910 the effective date of such regulations, the commissioner may license any

911 person who applies for a license in accordance with such regulations,  
912 provided the commissioner deems such applicant qualified to acquire,  
913 possess, distribute and dispense marijuana pursuant to sections 21a-408  
914 to 21a-408m, inclusive, as amended by this act. At a minimum, such  
915 regulations shall:

916 (1) Indicate the maximum number of dispensary facilities that may  
917 be licensed in this state;

918 (2) Provide that no marijuana may be dispensed from, obtained from  
919 or transferred to a location outside of this state;

920 [(3) Establish a licensing fee and renewal fee for each dispensary  
921 facility, provided such fees shall not be less than the amount necessary  
922 to cover the direct and indirect cost of licensing and regulating  
923 dispensary facilities pursuant to sections 21a-408 to 21a-408m,  
924 inclusive;]

925 [(4)] (3) Provide for renewal of [such] dispensary facility licenses at  
926 least every two years;

927 [(5)] (4) Describe areas in this state where dispensary facilities may  
928 not be located, after considering the criteria for the location of retail  
929 liquor permit premises set forth in subsection (a) of section 30-46;

930 [(6)] (5) Establish health, safety and security requirements for  
931 dispensary facilities, which may include, but need not be limited to: (A)  
932 The ability to maintain adequate control against the diversion, theft and  
933 loss of marijuana acquired or possessed by the dispensary facility, and  
934 (B) the ability to maintain the knowledge, understanding, judgment,  
935 procedures, security controls and ethics to ensure optimal safety and  
936 accuracy in the distributing, dispensing and use of palliative marijuana;

937 [(7)] (6) Establish standards and procedures for revocation,  
938 suspension, summary suspension and nonrenewal of dispensary facility  
939 licenses, provided such standards and procedures are consistent with  
940 the provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-182; and

941        ~~[(8)]~~ (7) Establish other licensing, renewal and operational standards  
942 deemed necessary by the commissioner.

943        ~~[(d)]~~ Any fees collected by the Department of Consumer Protection  
944 under this section shall be paid to the State Treasurer and credited to the  
945 General Fund.]

946        ~~[(e)]~~ (d) On or before January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, each  
947 dispensary facility shall report data to the Department of Consumer  
948 Protection relating to the types, mixtures and dosages of palliative  
949 marijuana dispensed by such dispensary facility. A report prepared  
950 pursuant to this subsection shall be in such form as may be prescribed  
951 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

952        Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 21a-408j of the general statutes is  
953 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
954 *2023*):

955        (a) No dispensary facility or employee of the dispensary facility may:  
956 (1) Acquire marijuana from a person other than a producer from a  
957 cultivator, micro-cultivator, product manufacturer, food and beverage  
958 manufacturer, product packager, or transporter, as such terms are  
959 defined in section 21a-420, as amended by this act; (2) transfer or  
960 transport marijuana to a person who is not (A) a qualifying patient  
961 registered under section 21a-408d; (B) a caregiver of such qualifying  
962 patient; (C) a hospice or other inpatient care facility licensed by the  
963 Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that has a  
964 protocol for the handling and distribution of marijuana that has been  
965 approved by the Department of Consumer Protection; (D) a cannabis  
966 testing laboratory; (E) an organization engaged in a research program;  
967 (F) a delivery service, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended by this  
968 act; or (G) a transporter, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended by  
969 this act; or (3) obtain or transport marijuana outside of this state in  
970 violation of state or federal law.

971        Sec. 18. Section 21a-408k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
972 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

973 (a) No producer or employee of the producer may: (1) Sell, deliver,  
974 transport or distribute marijuana to a person who is not (A) a cannabis  
975 establishment, (B) a cannabis testing laboratory, or (C) an organization  
976 engaged in a research program, or (2) obtain or transport marijuana  
977 outside of this state in violation of state or federal law.

978 (b) No licensed producer or employee of the producer acting within  
979 the scope of [his or her] such employee's employment shall be subject to  
980 arrest or prosecution or penalized in any manner, including, but not  
981 limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or  
982 privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary  
983 action by a professional licensing board, for cultivating marijuana or  
984 selling, delivering, transferring, transporting or distributing marijuana  
985 to a cannabis establishment, cannabis testing laboratory or research  
986 program.

987 Sec. 19. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 21a-408r of the  
988 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
989 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

990 (a) No person may act as a cannabis testing laboratory or represent  
991 that such person is a cannabis testing laboratory unless such person has  
992 (1) obtained a license from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
993 pursuant to this section, or (2) [(A) been granted approval by the  
994 Commissioner of Consumer Protection as of October 1, 2021, and (B)  
995 submitted an application to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
996 for licensure pursuant to this section in a form and manner prescribed  
997 by the commissioner. Such person may continue to act as a laboratory  
998 until such application for licensure under this section is approved or  
999 denied by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection] obtained a license  
1000 from the Department of Consumer Protection on or before June 30, 2023,  
1001 as a laboratory authorized to engage in cannabis testing and such license  
1002 remains active on July 1, 2023. Any person that satisfies the criteria  
1003 established in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be deemed to be a  
1004 licensed cannabis testing laboratory for the duration of such prior  
1005 license and, upon expiration of such prior license, such person shall be



1006 eligible to renew such expired prior license as a cannabis testing  
1007 laboratory license. The fee to receive a provisional license as a cannabis  
1008 testing laboratory shall be five hundred dollars, and the fee to receive a  
1009 final license, or renewal of a final license, as a cannabis testing laboratory  
1010 shall be one thousand dollars.

1011 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person may  
1012 act as a cannabis testing laboratory employee or represent that such  
1013 person is a cannabis testing laboratory employee unless such person has  
1014 obtained a registration from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
1015 pursuant to this section. Any person to whom the Department of  
1016 Consumer Protection has issued laboratory employee credentials on or  
1017 before June 30, 2023, shall, if such credentials remain active on July 1,  
1018 2023, and authorize such person to handle and test cannabis, be deemed  
1019 to be a registered cannabis testing laboratory employee for the duration  
1020 of such prior credentials and, upon expiration of such prior credentials,  
1021 be eligible to renew such expired prior credentials in the manner set  
1022 forth for renewing a certificate of registration as a cannabis testing  
1023 laboratory employee.

1024 (c) Prior to the effective date of regulations adopted under this  
1025 section, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may issue a  
1026 temporary certificate of registration to a cannabis testing laboratory  
1027 employee. The commissioner shall prescribe the standards, procedures  
1028 and fees for obtaining a temporary certificate of registration as a  
1029 cannabis testing laboratory employee.

1030 (d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt  
1031 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1) provide for the  
1032 licensure or registration of cannabis testing laboratories and cannabis  
1033 testing laboratory employees, (2) establish standards and procedures for  
1034 the revocation, suspension, summary suspension and nonrenewal of  
1035 cannabis testing laboratory licenses and cannabis testing laboratory  
1036 employee registrations, provided such standards and procedures are  
1037 consistent with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 4-182, (3)  
1038 establish a [license or] registration renewal fee for each [licensed

1039 laboratory and] registered cannabis testing laboratory employee,  
1040 provided the aggregate amount of such [license, registration and  
1041 renewal] fees shall not be less than the amount necessary to cover the  
1042 direct and indirect cost of [licensing,] registering and regulating  
1043 [laboratories and] cannabis testing laboratory employees in accordance  
1044 with the provisions of this chapter, (4) establish procedures by which  
1045 cannabis testing laboratories shall accept marijuana samples from  
1046 caregivers, qualifying patients and consumers for testing, and [(4)] (5)  
1047 establish other licensing, registration, renewal and operational  
1048 standards deemed necessary by the commissioner. For the purposes of  
1049 this subsection, "consumer" has the same meaning as provided in  
1050 section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

1051 Sec. 20. Section 21a-408s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1052 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1053 (a) No cannabis testing laboratory or cannabis testing laboratory  
1054 employee may (1) acquire marijuana from a person other than (A) a  
1055 cannabis establishment or an organization engaged in a research  
1056 program, or (B) a caregiver, a qualifying patient or a consumer, as  
1057 defined in section 21a-420, as amended by this act, providing a  
1058 marijuana sample under regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
1059 Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as  
1060 amended by this act, (2) deliver, transport or distribute marijuana to (A)  
1061 a person who is not a cannabis establishment from which the marijuana  
1062 was originally acquired by the cannabis testing laboratory or cannabis  
1063 testing laboratory employee, or (B) an organization not engaged in a  
1064 research program, or (3) obtain or transport marijuana outside of this  
1065 state in violation of state or federal law.

1066 (b) (1) No cannabis testing laboratory employee acting within the  
1067 scope of [his or her] such cannabis testing laboratory employee's  
1068 employment shall be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any  
1069 manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty,  
1070 or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, being  
1071 subject to any disciplinary action by a professional licensing board, for

1072 acquiring, possessing, delivering, transporting or distributing  
1073 marijuana to a cannabis establishment or an organization engaged in an  
1074 approved research program under the provisions of this chapter.

1075 (2) No cannabis testing laboratory shall be subject to prosecution,  
1076 penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to  
1077 any civil penalty or denied any right or privilege, for acquiring,  
1078 possessing, delivering, transporting or distributing marijuana to a  
1079 cannabis establishment or an organization engaged in an approved  
1080 research program under the provisions of this chapter.

1081 (c) A cannabis testing laboratory shall be independent from all other  
1082 persons involved in the marijuana industry in Connecticut, which shall  
1083 mean that no person with a direct or indirect financial, managerial or  
1084 controlling interest in the cannabis testing laboratory shall have a direct  
1085 or indirect financial, managerial or controlling interest in a cannabis  
1086 establishment or any other entity that may benefit from the laboratory  
1087 test results for a cannabis or marijuana sample or product.

1088 (d) [A] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a  
1089 cannabis testing laboratory shall maintain all minimum security and  
1090 safeguard requirements for the storage of handling of controlled  
1091 substances as a laboratory that is licensed to provide analysis of  
1092 controlled substances pursuant to section 21a-246 and any regulations  
1093 adopted thereunder.

1094 (2) The department may waive any minimum security or safeguard  
1095 requirement described in subdivision (1) of this subsection if (A) a  
1096 cannabis testing laboratory submits to the department, in a form and  
1097 manner prescribed by the department, a written request for such waiver  
1098 that proposes an alternative requirement that provides public health  
1099 and safety protections that are equal to or greater than the protections  
1100 provided by such minimum security or safeguard requirement, and (B)  
1101 the department (i) reviews such request to assess the potential for  
1102 product diversion, theft and criminal activity under such proposed  
1103 alternative requirement and the likely impact that waiving such

1104 minimum security or safeguard requirement will have on public health  
1105 and safety, (ii) determines, in the department's discretion, that such  
1106 proposed alternative requirement would provide equal or greater  
1107 protection for public health and safety, and (iii) issues such waiver in  
1108 writing.

1109 Sec. 21. Section 21a-408u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1110 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1111 (a) No research program or research program employee may (1)  
1112 acquire marijuana from a person other than a cannabis establishment or  
1113 cannabis testing laboratory, (2) deliver, transport or distribute  
1114 marijuana to a person who is not (A) a cannabis establishment, (B) a  
1115 cannabis testing laboratory, or (C) a research program subject, (3)  
1116 distribute or administer marijuana to an animal unless such animal is an  
1117 animal research subject, or (4) obtain or transport marijuana outside of  
1118 this state in violation of state or federal law.

1119 (b) No research program employee acting within the scope of [his or  
1120 her] such research program employee's employment shall be subject to  
1121 arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not  
1122 limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or  
1123 privilege, including, but not limited to, being subject to any disciplinary  
1124 action by a professional licensing board, for acquiring, possessing,  
1125 delivering, transporting or distributing marijuana to a cannabis  
1126 establishment or cannabis testing laboratory, or a research program  
1127 subject or distributing or administering marijuana to an animal research  
1128 subject under the provisions of this chapter.

1129 Sec. 22. Section 21a-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1130 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1131 As used in RERACA, unless the context otherwise requires:

1132 (1) "Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis  
1133 Act" or "RERACA" means this section, sections 2-56j, 7-294kk, 7-294ll,  
1134 12-330ll to 12-330nn, inclusive, 14-227p, 21a-278b, 21a-278c, 21a-279c,

1135 21a-279d, 21a-420a to [21a-420i] 21a-420j, inclusive, as amended by this  
1136 act, 21a-420l to 21a-421r, inclusive, as amended by this act, 21a-421aa to  
1137 21a-421ff, inclusive, 21a-421aaa to [21a-421ggg] 21a-421hhh, inclusive,  
1138 21a-422 to 21a-422c, inclusive, 21a-422e to 21a-422g, inclusive, 21a-422j  
1139 to 21a-422s, inclusive, 22-61n, 23-4b, 47a-9a, 53-247a, 53a-213a, 53a-213b,  
1140 54-33p, 54-56q, 54-56r, 54-125k and 54-142u, sections 23, 60, 63 to 65,  
1141 inclusive, 124, 144 and 165 of public act 21-1 of the June special session,  
1142 and the amendments in public act 21-1 of the June special session to  
1143 sections 7-148, 10-221, as amended by this act, 12-30a, 12-35b, 12-412, 12-  
1144 650, 12-704d, 14-44k, 14-111e, 14-227a to 14-227c, inclusive, 14-227j, 15-  
1145 140q, 15-140r, 18-100h, 19a-342, 19a-342a, 21a-267, as amended by this  
1146 act, 21a-277, 21a-279, as amended by this act, 21a-279a, 21a-408 to 21a-  
1147 408f, inclusive, as amended by this act, 21a-408h to 21a-408p, as  
1148 amended by this act, inclusive, 21a-408r to 21a-408v, inclusive, as  
1149 amended by this act, 30-89a, 31-40q, 32-39, 46b-120, 51-164n, 53-394, 53a-  
1150 39c, 54-1m, 54-33g, 54-41b, 54-56e, 54-56g, 54-56i, 54-56k, 54-56n, 54-63d,  
1151 54-66a [,] and 54-142e [, 21a-421hhh and 21a-420j] and section 23 of this  
1152 act;

1153 (2) "Backer" means any individual with a direct or indirect financial  
1154 interest in a cannabis establishment. "Backer" does not include an  
1155 individual with an investment interest in a cannabis establishment if (A)  
1156 the interest held by such individual and such individual's spouse,  
1157 parent or child, in the aggregate, does not exceed five per cent of the  
1158 total ownership or interest rights in such cannabis establishment, and  
1159 (B) such individual does not participate directly or indirectly in the  
1160 control, management or operation of the cannabis establishment;

1161 (3) "Cannabis" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240, as  
1162 amended by this act;

1163 (4) "Cannabis establishment" means a producer, dispensary facility,  
1164 cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage  
1165 manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery  
1166 service or transporter;

1167 (5) "Cannabis flower" means the flower, including abnormal and  
1168 immature flowers, of a plant of the genus cannabis that has been  
1169 harvested, dried, [and] cured, chopped or ground, and prior to any  
1170 processing whereby the flower material is transformed into a cannabis  
1171 product. "Cannabis flower" does not include (A) the leaves or stem of  
1172 such plant, or (B) hemp, as defined in section 22-611, as amended by this  
1173 act;

1174 (6) "Cannabis testing laboratory" means a laboratory that (A) is  
1175 located in this state, (B) is licensed by the department to analyze  
1176 cannabis, and (C) meets the licensure requirements established in  
1177 section 21a-408r, as amended by this act, and the regulations adopted  
1178 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as amended by this act;

1179 (7) "Cannabis testing laboratory employee" means an individual who  
1180 is (A) employed at a cannabis testing laboratory, and (B) registered  
1181 pursuant to section 21a-408r, as amended by this act, and the regulations  
1182 adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-408r, as amended by  
1183 this act;

1184 [(6)] (8) "Cannabis trim" means all parts, including abnormal or  
1185 immature parts, of a plant of the genus cannabis, other than cannabis  
1186 flower, that have been harvested, dried and cured, and prior to any  
1187 processing, excluding chopping or grinding, whereby the plant material  
1188 is transformed into a cannabis product. "Cannabis trim" does not  
1189 include hemp, as defined in section 22-611, as amended by this act;

1190 [(7)] (9) "Cannabis product" means cannabis, intended for use or  
1191 consumption, that is in the form of (A) a cannabis concentrate, or (B) a  
1192 product that contains cannabis [, which may be combined with other  
1193 ingredients, and is intended for use or consumption. "Cannabis  
1194 product" does not include the raw cannabis plant] and at least one other  
1195 cannabis or noncannabis ingredient or component, excluding cannabis  
1196 flower;

1197 [(8)] (10) "Cannabis concentrate" means any form of concentration,  
1198 including, but not limited to, extracts, oils, tinctures, shatter and waxes,

1199 that is extracted from cannabis;

1200 [(9)] (11) "Cannabis-type substances" have the same meaning as  
1201 "marijuana", as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

1202 [(10)] (12) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
1203 Protection and includes any designee of the commissioner;

1204 [(11)] (13) "Consumer" means an individual who is twenty-one years  
1205 of age or older;

1206 (14) "Control" means the power to direct, or cause the direction of, the  
1207 management and policies of a cannabis establishment, regardless of  
1208 whether such power is possessed directly or indirectly;

1209 [(12)] (15) "Cultivation" has the same meaning as provided in section  
1210 21a-408, as amended by this act;

1211 [(13)] (16) "Cultivator" means a person that is licensed to engage in  
1212 the cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an  
1213 establishment with not less than fifteen thousand square feet of grow  
1214 space;

1215 [(14)] (17) "Delivery service" means a person that is licensed to deliver  
1216 cannabis from (A) micro-cultivators, retailers and hybrid retailers to  
1217 consumers and research program subjects, and (B) hybrid retailers and  
1218 dispensary facilities to qualifying patients, caregivers and research  
1219 program subjects, as defined in section 21a-408, as amended by this act,  
1220 or to hospices or other inpatient care facilities licensed by the  
1221 Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that have a  
1222 protocol for the handling and distribution of cannabis that has been  
1223 approved by the department, or a combination thereof;

1224 [(15)] (18) "Department" means the Department of Consumer  
1225 Protection;

1226 [(16)] (19) "Dispensary facility" means a place of business where  
1227 cannabis may be dispensed, sold or distributed in accordance with

1228 chapter 420f and any regulations adopted [thereunder] pursuant to said  
1229 chapter, to qualifying patients and caregivers, and to which the  
1230 department has issued a dispensary facility license [under] pursuant to  
1231 chapter 420f and any regulations adopted [thereunder] pursuant to said  
1232 chapter;

1233 [(17)] (20) "Disproportionately impacted area" means (A) for the  
1234 period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2023, a United States  
1235 census tract in the state that has, as determined by the Social Equity  
1236 Council under subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 21a-420d, as  
1237 amended by this act, [(A)] (i) a historical conviction rate for drug-related  
1238 offenses greater than one-tenth, or [(B)] (ii) an unemployment rate  
1239 greater than ten per cent, and (B) on and after August 1, 2023, a United  
1240 States census tract in this state that has been identified by the Social  
1241 Equity Council pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (i) of section  
1242 21a-420d, as amended by this act;

1243 [(18)] (21) "Disqualifying conviction" means a conviction within the  
1244 last ten years which has not been the subject of an absolute pardon  
1245 under the provisions of section 54-130a, or an equivalent pardon process  
1246 under the laws of another state or the federal government, for an offense  
1247 under (A) section 53a-276, 53a-277 or 53a-278; (B) section 53a-291, 53a-  
1248 292 or 53a-293; (C) section 53a-215; (D) section 53a-138 or 53a-139; (E)  
1249 section 53a-142a; (F) sections 53a-147 to 53a-162, inclusive; (G) sections  
1250 53a-125c to 53a-125f, inclusive; (H) section 53a-129b, 53a-129c or 53a-  
1251 129d; (I) subsection (b) of section 12-737; (J) section 53a-48 or 53a-49, if  
1252 the offense which is attempted or is an object of the conspiracy is an  
1253 offense under the statutes listed in subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive,  
1254 of this subdivision; or (K) the law of any other state or of the federal  
1255 government, if the offense on which such conviction is based is defined  
1256 by elements that substantially include the elements of an offense under  
1257 the statutes listed in subparagraphs (A) to (J), inclusive, of this  
1258 subdivision;

1259 [(19)] (22) "Dispensary technician" means an individual who has had  
1260 an active pharmacy technician or dispensary technician registration in



1261 this state within the past five years, is affiliated with a dispensary facility  
1262 or hybrid retailer and is registered with the department in accordance  
1263 with chapter 420f and any regulations adopted [thereunder] pursuant  
1264 to said chapter;

1265 (23) "Edible cannabis product" means a cannabis product intended  
1266 for humans to eat or drink;

1267 ~~[(20)]~~ (24) "Employee" means any person who is not a backer, but is a  
1268 member of the board of a company with an ownership interest in a  
1269 cannabis establishment, and any person employed by a cannabis  
1270 establishment or who otherwise has access to such establishment or the  
1271 vehicles used to transport cannabis, including, but not limited to, an  
1272 independent contractor who has routine access to the premises of such  
1273 establishment or to the cannabis handled by such establishment;

1274 ~~[(21)]~~ (25) "Equity" and "equitable" means efforts, regulations,  
1275 policies, programs, standards, processes and any other functions of  
1276 government or principles of law and governance intended to: (A)  
1277 Identify and remedy past and present patterns of discrimination and  
1278 disparities of race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation; (B) ensure  
1279 that such patterns of discrimination and disparities, whether intentional  
1280 or unintentional, are neither reinforced nor perpetuated; and (C)  
1281 prevent the emergence and persistence of foreseeable future patterns of  
1282 discrimination or disparities of race, ethnicity, gender and sexual  
1283 orientation;

1284 ~~[(22)]~~ (26) "Equity joint venture" means a business entity that is  
1285 controlled, and at least fifty per cent owned, ~~[and controlled]~~ by an  
1286 individual or individuals, or such applicant is an individual, who meets  
1287 the criteria of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision ~~[(48)]~~ (50) of this  
1288 section;

1289 ~~[(23)]~~ (27) "Extract" means the preparation, compounding, conversion  
1290 or processing of cannabis, either directly or indirectly by extraction or  
1291 independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of  
1292 extraction and chemical synthesis to produce a cannabis concentrate;

1293        [(24)] (28) "Financial interest" means any right to, ownership, an  
1294 investment or a compensation arrangement with another person,  
1295 directly, through business, investment or family. "Financial interest"  
1296 does not include ownership of investment securities in a publicly-held  
1297 corporation that is traded on a national exchange or over-the-counter  
1298 market, provided the investment securities held by such person and  
1299 such person's spouse, parent or child, in the aggregate, do not exceed  
1300 one-half of one per cent of the total number of shares issued by the  
1301 corporation;

1302        [(25)] (29) "Food and beverage manufacturer" means a person that is  
1303 licensed to own and operate a place of business that acquires cannabis  
1304 and creates food and beverages;

1305        [(26)] (30) "Grow space" means the portion of a premises owned and  
1306 controlled by a producer, cultivator or micro-cultivator that is utilized  
1307 for the cultivation, growing or propagation of the cannabis plant, and  
1308 contains cannabis plants in an active stage of growth, measured starting  
1309 from the outermost wall of the room containing cannabis plants and  
1310 continuing around the outside of the room. "Grow space" does not  
1311 include space used to cure, process, store harvested cannabis or  
1312 manufacture cannabis once the cannabis has been harvested;

1313        [(27)] (31) "Historical conviction count for drug-related offenses"  
1314 means, for a given area, the number of convictions of residents of such  
1315 area (A) for violations of sections 21a-267, as amended by this act, 21a-  
1316 277, 21a-278, 21a-279, as amended by this act, and 21a-279a, and (B) who  
1317 were arrested for such violations between January 1, 1982, and  
1318 December 31, 2020, inclusive, where such arrest was recorded in  
1319 databases maintained by the Department of Emergency Services and  
1320 Public Protection;

1321        [(28)] (32) "Historical conviction rate for drug-related offenses"  
1322 means, for a given area, the historical conviction count for drug-related  
1323 offenses divided by the population of such area, as determined by the  
1324 five-year estimates of the most recent American Community Survey

1325 conducted by the United States Census Bureau;

1326 [(29)] (33) "Hybrid retailer" means a person that is licensed to  
1327 purchase cannabis and sell cannabis and medical marijuana products;

1328 [(30)] (34) "Key employee" means an employee with the following  
1329 management position or an equivalent title within a cannabis  
1330 establishment: (A) President or chief officer, who is the top ranking  
1331 individual at the cannabis establishment and is responsible for all staff  
1332 and overall direction of business operations; (B) financial manager, who  
1333 is the individual who reports to the president or chief officer and who is  
1334 [generally] responsible for oversight of the financial operations of the  
1335 cannabis establishment, [including, but not limited to, revenue  
1336 generation,] which financial operations include one or more of the  
1337 following: (i) Revenue and expense management; (ii) distributions; [  
1338 (iii) tax compliance; [and] (iv) budget development; and (v) budget  
1339 management and implementation; or (C) compliance manager, who is  
1340 the individual who reports to the president or chief officer and who is  
1341 generally responsible for ensuring the cannabis establishment complies  
1342 with all laws, regulations and requirements related to the operation of  
1343 the cannabis establishment;

1344 [(31)] "Laboratory" means a laboratory located in the state that is  
1345 licensed by the department to provide analysis of cannabis that meets  
1346 the licensure requirements set forth in section 21a-246;

1347 (32) "Laboratory employee" means an individual who is registered as  
1348 a laboratory employee pursuant to section 21a-408r;]

1349 [(33)] (35) "Labor peace agreement" means an agreement between a  
1350 cannabis establishment and a bona fide labor organization under section  
1351 21a-421d pursuant to which the owners and management of the  
1352 cannabis establishment agree not to lock out employees and that  
1353 prohibits the bona fide labor organization from engaging in picketing,  
1354 work stoppages or boycotts against the cannabis establishment;

1355 [(34)] (36) "Manufacture" means to add or incorporate cannabis into

1356 other products or ingredients or create a cannabis product;

1357 [(35)] (37) "Medical marijuana product" means cannabis that may be  
1358 exclusively sold to qualifying patients and caregivers by dispensary  
1359 facilities and hybrid retailers and which are designated by the  
1360 commissioner as reserved for sale to qualifying patients and caregivers  
1361 and published on the department's Internet web site;

1362 [(36)] (38) "Micro-cultivator" means a person licensed to engage in the  
1363 cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant at an  
1364 establishment containing not less than two thousand square feet and not  
1365 more than ten thousand square feet of grow space, prior to any  
1366 expansion authorized by the commissioner;

1367 [(37)] (39) "Municipality" means any town, city or borough,  
1368 consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough;

1369 [(38)] (40) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in  
1370 section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

1371 [(39)] (41) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability  
1372 company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate,  
1373 receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or any other legal entity and any other  
1374 person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether  
1375 appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination thereof;

1376 [(40)] (42) "Producer" means a person that is licensed as a producer  
1377 pursuant to section 21a-408i and any regulations adopted [thereunder]  
1378 pursuant to said section;

1379 [(41)] (43) "Product manufacturer" means a person that is licensed to  
1380 obtain cannabis, extract and manufacture products; [exclusive to such  
1381 license type;]

1382 [(42)] (44) "Product packager" means a person that is licensed to  
1383 package and label cannabis;

1384 [(43)] (45) "Qualifying patient" has the same meaning as provided in

1385 section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

1386 [(44)] (46) "Research program" has the same meaning as provided in  
1387 section 21a-408, as amended by this act;

1388 [(45)] (47) "Retailer" means a person, excluding a dispensary facility  
1389 and hybrid retailer, that is licensed to purchase cannabis from  
1390 producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product manufacturers and  
1391 food and beverage manufacturers and to sell cannabis to consumers and  
1392 research programs;

1393 [(46)] (48) "Sale" or "sell" has the same meaning as provided in section  
1394 21a-240, as amended by this act;

1395 [(47)] (49) "Social Equity Council" or "council" means the council  
1396 established under section 21a-420d, as amended by this act;

1397 [(48)] (50) "Social equity applicant" means a person that has applied  
1398 for a license for a cannabis establishment, where such applicant is  
1399 controlled, and at least sixty-five per cent owned, [and controlled] by an  
1400 individual or individuals, or such applicant is an individual, who:

1401 (A) Had an average household income of less than three hundred per  
1402 cent of the state median household income over the three tax years  
1403 immediately preceding such individual's application; and

1404 (B) (i) Was a resident of a disproportionately impacted area for not  
1405 less than five of the ten years immediately preceding the date of such  
1406 application; or

1407 (ii) Was a resident of a disproportionately impacted area for not less  
1408 than nine years prior to attaining the age of eighteen;

1409 [(49)] (51) "THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
1410 240, as amended by this act;

1411 [(50)] (52) "Third-party lottery operator" means a person, or a  
1412 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, that conducts

1413 lotteries pursuant to section 21a-420g, as amended by this act, identifies  
1414 the cannabis establishment license applications for consideration  
1415 without performing any review of the applications that are identified  
1416 for consideration, and that has no direct or indirect oversight of or  
1417 investment in a cannabis establishment or a cannabis establishment  
1418 applicant;

1419 [(51)] (53) "Transfer" means to transfer, change, give or otherwise  
1420 dispose of control over or interest in;

1421 [(52)] (54) "Transport" means to physically move from one place to  
1422 another;

1423 [(53)] (55) "Transporter" means a person licensed to transport  
1424 cannabis between cannabis establishments, cannabis testing  
1425 laboratories and research programs; and

1426 [(54)] (56) "Unemployment rate" means, in a given area, the number  
1427 of people sixteen years of age or older who are in the civilian labor force  
1428 and unemployed divided by the number of people sixteen years of age  
1429 or older who are in the civilian labor force.

1430 Sec. 23. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) During the period beginning October 1,  
1431 2023, and ending October 1, 2026, the Department of Consumer  
1432 Protection shall, not later than the first day of January, April, July and  
1433 October, submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
1434 statutes, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the  
1435 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer  
1436 protection. Each report shall contain the following: (1) For the quarter  
1437 ending on the last day of the month immediately preceding the date on  
1438 which the department submits such report (A) the number of applicants  
1439 that were selected from the lottery, broken down by license type, (B) the  
1440 number of provisional licenses that the department issued pursuant to  
1441 RERACA, broken down by license type, (C) the number of final licenses  
1442 that the department issued pursuant to RERACA, broken down by  
1443 license type, town and county, and (D) the mechanism by which the  
1444 department issued each license pursuant to RERACA, including, but

1445 not limited to, by way of the lottery, to equity joint ventures and to  
1446 cultivators located in disproportionately impacted areas; (2) the  
1447 department's good faith estimate regarding any anticipated increase in  
1448 the number of cannabis establishments during the next calendar year;  
1449 and (3) any other information the department, in the department's  
1450 discretion, may deem appropriate.

1451 Sec. 24. Subsections (i) to (k), inclusive, of section 21a-420d of the  
1452 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1453 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1454 (i) (1) Not later than August 1, 2021, and annually thereafter until July  
1455 31, 2023, the council shall use the most recent five-year United States  
1456 Census Bureau American Community Survey estimates or any  
1457 successor data to determine one or more United States census tracts in  
1458 the state that are a disproportionately impacted area and shall publish a  
1459 list of such tracts on the council's Internet web site.

1460 (2) Not later than August 1, 2023, the council shall use poverty rate  
1461 data from the most recent five-year United States Census Bureau  
1462 American Community Survey estimates, population data from the most  
1463 recent decennial census and conviction information from databases  
1464 managed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
1465 Protection to identify all United States census tracts in the state that are  
1466 disproportionately impacted areas and shall publish a list of such tracts  
1467 on the council's Internet web site. In identifying which census tracts in  
1468 this state are disproportionately impacted areas and preparing such list,  
1469 the council shall:

1470 (A) Not deem any census tract with a poverty rate that is less than the  
1471 state-wide poverty rate to be a disproportionately impacted area;

1472 (B) After eliminating the census tracts described in subparagraph (A)  
1473 of this subdivision, rank the remaining census tracts in order from the  
1474 census tract with the greatest historical conviction rate for drug-related  
1475 offenses to the census tract with the lowest historical conviction rate for  
1476 drug-related offenses; and

1477 (C) Include census tracts in the order of rank described in  
1478 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision until including the next census  
1479 tract would cause the total population of all included census tracts to  
1480 exceed twenty-five per cent of the state's population.

1481 (j) After developing criteria for workforce development plans as  
1482 described in subdivision (4) of subsection (h) of this section, the council  
1483 shall review and approve or deny in writing any such plan submitted  
1484 by a producer under section 21a-420l, as amended by this act, or a  
1485 hybrid-retailer under section 21a-420u, as amended by this act.

1486 (k) The council shall develop criteria for evaluating the ownership  
1487 and control of any equity joint venture created under section 21a-420m,  
1488 as amended by this act, 21a-420u, as amended by this act, or [section]  
1489 21a-420j, as amended by this act, and shall review and approve or deny  
1490 in writing such equity joint venture prior to such equity joint venture  
1491 being licensed under section 21a-420m, as amended by this act, 21a-  
1492 420u, as amended by this act, or [section] 21a-420j, as amended by this  
1493 act. After developing criteria for social equity plans as described in  
1494 subdivision (5) of subsection (h) of this section, the council shall review  
1495 and approve or deny in writing any such plan submitted by a cannabis  
1496 establishment as part of its final license application. The council shall  
1497 not approve any equity joint venture applicant which shares with an  
1498 equity joint venture any individual owner who meets the criteria  
1499 established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(48)] (50) of  
1500 section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

1501 Sec. 25. Section 21a-420e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1502 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1503 (a) Not later than thirty days after the date that the Social Equity  
1504 Council identifies the criteria and the necessary supporting  
1505 documentation for social equity applicants and posts such information  
1506 on its Internet web site, the department may accept applications for the  
1507 following cannabis establishment license types: (1) Retailer, (2) hybrid  
1508 retailer, (3) cultivator, (4) micro-cultivator, (5) product manufacturer, (6)



1509 food and beverage manufacturer, (7) product packager, (8) delivery  
1510 service, [and] (9) transporter, (10) dispensary facility, and (11) producer.  
1511 Each application for licensure shall require the applicant to indicate  
1512 whether the applicant wants to be considered for treatment as a social  
1513 equity applicant.

1514 (b) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may accept applications  
1515 from any dispensary facility to convert its license to a hybrid-retailer  
1516 license and any producer for expanded authorization to engage in the  
1517 adult use cannabis market under its license issued pursuant to section  
1518 21a-408i.

1519 (c) Except as provided in subsection [(e)] (d) of this section, the  
1520 following fees shall be paid by each applicant:

1521 (1) For a retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five  
1522 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five  
1523 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a  
1524 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1525 (2) For a hybrid retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five  
1526 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five  
1527 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a  
1528 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1529 (3) For a cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one  
1530 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-  
1531 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1532 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1533 (4) For a micro-cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be  
1534 two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall  
1535 be five hundred dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1536 of a final license shall be one thousand dollars.

1537 (5) For a product manufacturer license, the fee to enter the lottery  
1538 shall be seven hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional

1539 license shall be five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license  
1540 or a renewal of a final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1541 (6) For a food and beverage manufacturer license, the fee to enter the  
1542 lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional  
1543 license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license  
1544 or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1545 (7) For a product packager license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be  
1546 five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five  
1547 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a  
1548 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1549 (8) For a delivery service or transporter license, the fee to enter the  
1550 lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional  
1551 license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license  
1552 or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1553 (9) For an initial or renewal of a backer license, the fee shall be one  
1554 hundred dollars.

1555 (10) For an initial or renewal of a key employee license, the fee shall  
1556 be one hundred dollars.

1557 (11) For an initial or renewal of a registration of an employee who is  
1558 not a key employee, the fee shall be fifty dollars.

1559 (12) The license conversion fee for a dispensary facility to become a  
1560 hybrid retailer shall be one million dollars, except as provided in section  
1561 21a-420u, as amended by this act.

1562 (13) The license conversion fee for a producer to engage in the adult  
1563 use cannabis market shall be three million dollars, except as provided in  
1564 section 21a-420l, as amended by this act.

1565 (14) For a dispensary facility license, the fee to enter the lottery shall  
1566 be five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be  
1567 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal

1568 of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1569 (15) For a producer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one  
1570 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-  
1571 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1572 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1573 (d) For any dispensary facility that has become a hybrid retailer, the  
1574 renewal fee shall be the same as the fee for a hybrid retailer set forth in  
1575 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section. For any producer  
1576 approved for expanded authorization to engage in the adult use  
1577 cannabis market, the renewal fee shall be [the same as set forth in section  
1578 21a-408i] seventy-five thousand dollars. A social equity applicant shall  
1579 pay fifty per cent of the amount of any of the fees specified in subsection  
1580 (c) of this section for the first three renewal cycles of the applicable  
1581 cannabis establishment license applied for, and the full amount  
1582 thereafter, provided in the case of the fees set forth in subdivisions (12)  
1583 and (13) of subsection (c) of this section, a social equity applicant shall  
1584 pay the full amount of the fee.

1585 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and thereafter, fees  
1586 collected by the department under this section shall be paid to the State  
1587 Treasurer and credited to the General Fund, except that the fees  
1588 collected under subdivisions (12) and (13) of subsection (c) of this  
1589 section shall be deposited in the Social Equity and Innovation Fund  
1590 established under section 21a-420f, as amended by this act.

1591 (f) For each license type:

1592 (1) Applicants shall apply on a form and in a manner prescribed by  
1593 the commissioner, which form shall include a method for the applicant  
1594 to request consideration as a social equity applicant; and

1595 (2) The department shall post on its Internet web site the application  
1596 period, which shall specify the first and last date that the department  
1597 will accept applications for that license type. The first date that the  
1598 department shall accept applications shall be no sooner than thirty days

1599 after the date the Social Equity Council posts the criteria and supporting  
1600 documentation necessary to qualify for consideration as a social equity  
1601 applicant as set forth in section 21a-420g, as amended by this act. Only  
1602 complete license applications received by the department during the  
1603 application period shall be considered.

1604 (g) (1) No current or former state officer or employee, or employee of  
1605 any other person who at any time had access to an application submitted  
1606 to the department pursuant to this section, may disclose such  
1607 application, or any information included in or submitted with such  
1608 application, unless such disclosure is authorized under this subsection.

1609 (2) The commissioner may disclose the following information  
1610 concerning an application submitted to the department pursuant to this  
1611 section:

1612 (A) The applicant's name;

1613 (B) The license type for which such application was submitted;

1614 (C) The applicant's social equity designation, if any;

1615 (D) The applicant's address;

1616 (E) The name, electronic mail address and telephone number of the  
1617 applicant's owner;

1618 (F) The ownership interest that an owner of a social equity applicant  
1619 holds in such applicant, expressed as a percentage of all ownership  
1620 interests in such applicant;

1621 (G) The name and address of the person who serves as the applicant's  
1622 primary business contact;

1623 (H) The application number assigned to such application;

1624 (I) The date such application was submitted to the department;

1625 (J) Information concerning the applicant's formation, including, but

1626 not limited to, the applicant's business entity type, formation date and  
1627 place, and business registration number as such number appears on the  
1628 electronic business portal established by the Commercial Recording  
1629 Division of the office of the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 3-  
1630 99d; and

1631 (K) The name of all cannabis businesses associated with the applicant  
1632 and listed on such application.

1633 (3) (A) In addition to the information described in subdivision (2) of  
1634 this subsection, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's sole  
1635 discretion, disclose any personal information or financial document  
1636 associated with an application submitted to the department pursuant to  
1637 this section to:

1638 (i) A federal, state or local government agency acting in the course of  
1639 such agency's governmental functions, or a person acting on behalf of  
1640 such agency in performing such functions;

1641 (ii) A college or university conducting research or assisting the state  
1642 in reviewing such applications, provided such college or university  
1643 agrees to not disclose any personally identifying information or  
1644 confidential business information and to deidentify any personal or  
1645 financial information such college or university receives from the  
1646 department before releasing any report, study, survey or similar  
1647 document concerning such information;

1648 (iii) An officer of the court in connection with an administrative,  
1649 arbitral, civil or criminal proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction  
1650 or before a government agency or self-regulatory body, including, but  
1651 not limited to, the service of process, an investigation performed in  
1652 anticipation of litigation, an order issued by such court or the execution  
1653 or enforcement of a judgment or order issued by such court, provided  
1654 the person to whom the commissioner discloses such information or  
1655 document is a party in interest to such proceeding;

1656 (iv) A state marshal in the course of performing such marshal's duties

1657 under section 6-38a; or

1658 (v) The applicant or the applicant's owner to confirm that any such  
1659 information or document such applicant or owner submitted to the  
1660 department in connection with such application is accurate.

1661 (B) Any personal information or financial document the  
1662 commissioner discloses pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this  
1663 subdivision shall remain confidential, and no person described in  
1664 subparagraphs (A)(i) to (A)(iv), inclusive, of this subdivision shall  
1665 further disseminate such information or document in a manner that  
1666 would enable another person to identify any person referenced in, and  
1667 related to, such information or document unless such disclosure is  
1668 required under other applicable law.

1669 Sec. 26. Subsection (c) of section 21a-420e of the general statutes, as  
1670 amended by section 25 of this act, is repealed and the following is  
1671 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1672 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the following  
1673 fees shall be paid by each applicant:

1674 (1) For a retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five  
1675 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five  
1676 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a  
1677 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1678 (2) For a hybrid retailer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be five  
1679 hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five  
1680 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a  
1681 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1682 (3) For a cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one  
1683 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-  
1684 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1685 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1686 (4) For a micro-cultivator license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be

1687 two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall  
1688 be five hundred dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1689 of a final license shall be one thousand dollars.

1690 (5) (A) For a product manufacturer license, the fee to enter the lottery  
1691 shall be seven hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional  
1692 license shall be five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license  
1693 or a renewal of a final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1694 (B) For a product manufacturer seeking authorization to expand the  
1695 product manufacturer's authorized activities to include manufacturing  
1696 edible cannabis products, the application fee for such authorization  
1697 shall be five thousand dollars and the fee to renew such authorization  
1698 shall be five thousand dollars. The fees due under this subparagraph  
1699 shall be in addition to the fees due under subparagraph (A) of this  
1700 subdivision.

1701 (6) For a food and beverage manufacturer license, the fee to enter the  
1702 lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional  
1703 license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license  
1704 or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1705 (7) For a product packager license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be  
1706 five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be five  
1707 thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal of a  
1708 final license shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

1709 (8) For a delivery service or transporter license, the fee to enter the  
1710 lottery shall be two hundred fifty dollars, the fee to receive a provisional  
1711 license shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license  
1712 or a renewal of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1713 (9) For an initial or renewal of a backer license, the fee shall be one  
1714 hundred dollars.

1715 (10) For an initial or renewal of a key employee license, the fee shall  
1716 be one hundred dollars.

1717 (11) For an initial or renewal of a registration of an employee who is  
1718 not a key employee, the fee shall be fifty dollars.

1719 (12) The license conversion fee for a dispensary facility to become a  
1720 hybrid retailer shall be one million dollars, except as provided in section  
1721 21a-420u, as amended by this act.

1722 (13) The license conversion fee for a producer to engage in the adult  
1723 use cannabis market shall be three million dollars, except as provided in  
1724 section 21a-420l, as amended by this act.

1725 (14) For a dispensary facility license, the fee to enter the lottery shall  
1726 be five hundred dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be  
1727 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1728 of a final license shall be five thousand dollars.

1729 (15) For a producer license, the fee to enter the lottery shall be one  
1730 thousand dollars, the fee to receive a provisional license shall be twenty-  
1731 five thousand dollars and the fee to receive a final license or a renewal  
1732 of a final license shall be seventy-five thousand dollars.

1733 Sec. 27. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420f of the general statutes is  
1734 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1735 *2023*):

1736 (d) On and after July 1, 2022, there is established a fund to be known  
1737 as the "Prevention and Recovery Services Fund" which shall be a  
1738 separate, nonlapsing fund. The fund shall contain any moneys required  
1739 by law to be deposited in the fund and shall be held by the Treasurer  
1740 separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. Moneys  
1741 in the fund shall be appropriated for the purposes of (1) substance abuse  
1742 prevention, treatment and recovery services, which may include, but  
1743 need not be limited to, the (A) provision of youth cannabis use  
1744 prevention services by the local advisory councils on drug use and  
1745 prevention established by municipalities pursuant to subsection (a) of  
1746 Section 4126 of the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986, as  
1747 amended from time to time, regional behavioral health action



1748 organizations described in section 17a-484f, or youth service bureaus  
1749 established pursuant to section 10-19m, and (B) development of a public  
1750 awareness campaign to raise awareness of the mental and physical  
1751 health risks of youth cannabis use and cannabis use by pregnant  
1752 persons, and (2) collection and analysis of data regarding substance use.  
1753 The Social Equity Council may make recommendations to any relevant  
1754 state agency regarding expenditures to be made for the purposes set  
1755 forth in this subsection.

1756 Sec. 28. Section 21a-420g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1757 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1758 (a) The Social Equity Council shall review the ownership information  
1759 and any other information necessary to confirm that an applicant  
1760 qualifies as a social equity applicant for all cannabis establishment  
1761 license type applications submitted to the department and designated  
1762 by the applicant as a social equity applicant. The Social Equity Council  
1763 shall prescribe the documentation necessary for applicants to submit to  
1764 establish that the ownership, residency and income requirements for  
1765 social equity applicants are met. On or before September 1, 2021, the  
1766 Social Equity Council shall post such necessary documentation  
1767 requirements on its Internet web site to inform applicants of such  
1768 requirements prior to the start of the application period.

1769 (b) Except as provided in section 21a-420o, prior to the first date that  
1770 the department begins accepting applications for a license type, the  
1771 department shall determine the maximum number of applications that  
1772 shall be considered for such license type and post such information on  
1773 its Internet web site. Fifty per cent of the maximum number of  
1774 applications that shall be considered for each license type (1) shall be  
1775 selected through a social equity lottery for such license type, and (2)  
1776 shall be reserved by the department for social equity applicants. If, upon  
1777 the close of the application period for a license type, the department  
1778 receives more applications than the maximum number to be considered  
1779 in total or to be reserved for social equity applicants as set forth in this  
1780 subsection, [(b) of this section,] a third-party lottery operator shall

1781 conduct a lottery to identify applications for review by the department  
1782 and the Social Equity Council.

1783 (c) (1) The third-party lottery operator shall:

1784 (A) Not be provided any application received after the close of the  
1785 application period;

1786 (B) Give equal weight to every complete application submitted  
1787 during the application period; and

1788 (C) Conduct multiple, separate geographic lotteries if required by the  
1789 department.

1790 (2) For purposes of the lottery, the third-party lottery operator shall:

1791 (A) Conduct an independent social equity lottery and general lottery  
1792 for each license type [and a separate lottery for social equity applicants  
1793 of each license type] that results in each application being randomly  
1794 ranked starting with one and continuing sequentially; and

1795 (B) Rank all applications in each lottery numerically according to the  
1796 order in which they were drawn, including those that exceed the  
1797 number to be considered, and identify for the department all  
1798 applications to be considered. [ which shall consist of the applications  
1799 ranked numerically one to the maximum number set forth in accordance  
1800 with subsection (b) of this section.]

1801 (d) (1) Prior to submitting an application, an applicant that is a  
1802 business entity shall register such business entity with the Secretary of  
1803 the State to do business in this state, and include with such application  
1804 an attestation that such applicant has so registered.

1805 (2) No applicant shall apply more than once in any application period  
1806 to the social equity lottery round, if applicable, or the general lottery  
1807 round. The department shall review the list of all lottery applicants in  
1808 the social equity lottery round and the general lottery round,  
1809 independently for each such round, to determine whether any applicant

1810 has submitted more than one application under the same applicant  
1811 name. Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if the  
1812 department determines that any applicant has submitted more than one  
1813 application in the social equity lottery round or the general lottery  
1814 round, all applications submitted in such round by such applicant shall  
1815 be disqualified and the department shall remove all such applications  
1816 from the pool of eligible applications the department provides to the  
1817 third-party lottery operator for selection in such round.

1818 (3) If a social equity application is entered into the general lottery  
1819 round pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of this section,  
1820 thereby resulting in two entries by the same social equity applicant in  
1821 the general lottery round, such entries shall not result in disqualification  
1822 under subdivision (2) of this subsection. Such social equity applicant  
1823 shall not be eligible to receive more than one license from any round of  
1824 the general lottery. If such social equity applicant is selected twice for  
1825 consideration in any general lottery round, the department shall  
1826 disqualify the second such selection and request that the third-party  
1827 lottery operator identify the next-ranked application in the applicable  
1828 lottery.

1829 (4) No disqualification under this subsection shall result in any  
1830 refund of lottery fees.

1831 (5) For the purpose of this subsection: (A) "Application period" means  
1832 the established period of time within which the department may accept  
1833 applications for a specific license type for the social equity or general  
1834 lottery; and (B) "round" means each time a lottery is run to determine  
1835 the ranking of applicants after the conclusion of an application period,  
1836 either for the social equity lottery or the general lottery.

1837 [(d)] (e) (1) Upon receipt of an application for social equity  
1838 consideration or, in the case where a social equity lottery is conducted,  
1839 after such lottery applicants are selected, the department shall provide  
1840 to the Social Equity Council the documentation received by the  
1841 department during the application process that is required under

1842 subsection (a) of this section. No identifying information beyond what  
1843 is necessary to establish social equity status shall be provided to the  
1844 Social Equity Council. The Social Equity Council shall review the social  
1845 equity applications to be considered as identified by the third-party  
1846 lottery operator to determine whether the applicant meets the criteria  
1847 for a social equity applicant. If the Social Equity Council determines that  
1848 an applicant does not qualify as a social equity applicant, the application  
1849 shall not be reviewed further for purposes of receiving a license  
1850 designated for social equity applicants. The application shall be entered  
1851 into the [other] general lottery for the applicable license type and may  
1852 be reviewed further if selected through such lottery, provided the  
1853 applicant pays the additional amount necessary to pay the full fee for  
1854 entry into such lottery within five business days of being notified by the  
1855 Social Equity Council that [it] such applicant does not qualify as a social  
1856 equity applicant. Not later than thirty days after the Social Equity  
1857 Council notifies an applicant [is notified of a denial of a license  
1858 application under this subsection] of the Social Equity Council's  
1859 determination that the applicant does not meet the criteria for a social  
1860 equity applicant, the applicant may appeal [such denial] from such  
1861 determination to the Superior Court in accordance with section 4-183.

1862 (2) Upon determination by the Social Equity Council that an  
1863 application selected through the lottery process does not qualify for  
1864 consideration as a social equity applicant, the department shall request  
1865 that the third-party lottery operator identify the next-ranked application  
1866 in the [applicable] social equity lottery. This process may continue until  
1867 the Social Equity Council has identified for further consideration the  
1868 number of applications set forth on the department's web site pursuant  
1869 to subsection (b) of this section or [the lottery indicates that] until there  
1870 are no [further] remaining social equity applications to be considered.

1871 (3) For each license type, the Social Equity Council shall identify for  
1872 the department the social equity applications that qualify as social  
1873 equity applicants and that should be reviewed by the department for  
1874 purposes of awarding a provisional license.

1875 (4) Any application [subject to] entered into, but not selected through,  
1876 the social equity lottery [process] shall not be reviewed as a social equity  
1877 application, but shall be entered into the general lottery for the  
1878 [remaining applications for the] applicable license type.

1879 (5) After receiving the list of selected social equity applications [from]  
1880 reviewed and approved by the Social Equity Council, the department  
1881 shall notify the third-party lottery operator, which shall then conduct  
1882 [an] the independent general lottery for all remaining applicants for  
1883 each license type, rank all general lottery applications numerically  
1884 including those that exceed the number to be considered, and identify  
1885 for the department all of the selected applications to be reviewed. The  
1886 number of applications to be reviewed by the department shall consist  
1887 of the applications ranked numerically one through the maximum  
1888 number [set forth in accordance with subsection (b) of this section,  
1889 provided that if fewer social equity applicants are identified pursuant  
1890 to subdivision (3) of this subsection, the maximum number shall be the  
1891 number] necessary to ensure that fifty per cent of the applications for  
1892 each license type identified through the lottery process are [social equity  
1893 applicants] selected from the social equity lottery and approved by the  
1894 Social Equity Council.

1895 (6) The numerical rankings created by the third-party lottery operator  
1896 shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the  
1897 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

1898 [(e)] (f) The department shall review each application to be  
1899 considered, as identified by the third-party lottery operator or Social  
1900 Equity Council, as applicable, to confirm [it] such application is  
1901 complete and to determine whether any application: (1) Includes a  
1902 backer with a disqualifying conviction; (2) [includes a backer that would  
1903 result in common ownership in violation of] exceeds the cap set forth in  
1904 section 21a-420i; or (3) has a backer who individually or in connection  
1905 with a cannabis business in another state or country has an  
1906 administrative finding or judicial decision that may substantively  
1907 compromise the integrity of the cannabis program, as determined by the

1908 department, or that precludes its participation in this state's cannabis  
1909 program.

1910 [(f)] (g) No additional backers may be added to a cannabis  
1911 establishment application between the time of lottery entry, or any  
1912 initial application for a license, and when a final license is awarded to  
1913 the cannabis establishment, except, if a backer of an applicant or  
1914 provisional licensee dies, the applicant or provisional licensee may  
1915 apply to the commissioner to replace the deceased backer, provided if  
1916 such applicant is a social equity applicant, the Social Equity Council  
1917 shall review ownership to ensure such replacement would not cause the  
1918 applicant to no longer qualify as a social equity applicant. A backer may  
1919 be removed from a cannabis establishment application selected through  
1920 the general lottery at any time upon notice to the department.

1921 [(g)] (h) If an applicant [or a single backer of an applicant] is  
1922 disqualified on the basis of any of the criteria set forth in subsection [(e)]  
1923 (f) of this section, the entire application shall be denied, and such denial  
1924 shall be a final decision of the department [, provided backers of the  
1925 applicant entity named in the lottery application submission may be  
1926 removed prior to submission of a final license application unless such  
1927 removal would result in a social equity applicant no longer qualifying  
1928 as a social equity applicant. If] unless the applicant removes [any  
1929 backer] from such application all backers that would cause [the  
1930 applicant to be denied based on subsection (e) of this section, then the  
1931 applicant entity shall not be denied due to such backer's prior  
1932 involvement if such backer is removed within thirty days of notice by  
1933 the department of the disqualification of a backer] such denial not later  
1934 than thirty days after the department sends notice to the applicant  
1935 disclosing such denial. Any change to a social equity applicant shall be  
1936 reviewed and approved by the Social Equity Council before such change  
1937 is reviewed by the department. Not later than thirty days after [service  
1938 of] the department sends notice [upon] to the applicant [of a] disclosing  
1939 such denial, the applicant may appeal such denial to the Superior Court,  
1940 [in accordance with section 4-183.]

1941        [(h)] (i) For each application denied pursuant to subsection [(e)] (f) of  
1942 this section, the department may, within its discretion, request that the  
1943 third-party lottery operator identify the next-ranked application in the  
1944 applicable lottery. If the applicant that was denied was a social equity  
1945 applicant, the next ranked social equity applicant shall first be reviewed  
1946 by the Social Equity Council to confirm that the applicant qualifies as a  
1947 social equity applicant prior to being further reviewed by the  
1948 department. This process may continue until the department has  
1949 identified for further consideration the number of applications  
1950 equivalent to the maximum number set forth on its Internet web site  
1951 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. If the number of applications  
1952 remaining is less than the maximum number posted on the  
1953 department's Internet web site, the department shall award fewer  
1954 licenses. To the extent the denials result in less than fifty per cent of  
1955 applicants being social equity applicants, the department shall continue  
1956 to review and issue provisional and final licenses for the remaining  
1957 applications, but shall reopen the application period only for social  
1958 equity applicants.

1959        [(i)] (j) All applicants selected in the lottery and not denied shall be  
1960 provided a provisional license application, which shall be submitted in  
1961 a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. [Applicants]  
1962 Lottery applicants shall have sixty days from the date they receive their  
1963 provisional application to complete the application. The right to apply  
1964 for a provisional license is nontransferable. Upon receiving a  
1965 provisional application from an applicant, the department shall review  
1966 the application for completeness and to confirm that all information  
1967 provided is acceptable and in compliance with this section and any  
1968 regulations adopted under this section. If a provisional application does  
1969 not meet the standards set forth in this section, the applicant shall not  
1970 be provided a provisional license. A provisional license issued by the  
1971 department to an applicant on or before June 30, 2023, other than a  
1972 provisional license issued pursuant to section 21a-420o, shall expire  
1973 twenty-four months after the date on which the department issued such  
1974 provisional license and shall not be renewed. A provisional license

1975 issued by the department to an applicant on or after July 1, 2023, other  
1976 than a provisional license issued pursuant to section 21a-420o, shall  
1977 expire after fourteen months and shall not be renewed. Upon granting  
1978 a provisional license, the department shall notify the applicant of the  
1979 project labor agreement requirements of section 21a-421e. A provisional  
1980 licensee may apply for a final license of the license type for which the  
1981 licensee applied during the initial application period. A provisional  
1982 license shall be nontransferable. If the provisional application does not  
1983 meet the standards set forth in this section or is not completed within  
1984 sixty days, the applicant shall not receive a provisional license. The  
1985 decision of the department not to award a provisional license shall be  
1986 final and may be appealed in accordance with section 4-183. Nothing in  
1987 this section shall prevent a provisional applicant from submitting an  
1988 application for a future lottery.

1989 [(j)] (k) Final license applications shall be submitted on a form and in  
1990 a manner approved by the commissioner and shall include, but not be  
1991 limited to, the information set forth in this section, as well as evidence  
1992 of the following:

1993 (1) A contract with an entity providing an approved electronic  
1994 tracking system as set forth in section 21a-421n;

1995 (2) A right to occupy the location at which the cannabis establishment  
1996 operation will be located;

1997 (3) Any necessary local zoning approval for the cannabis  
1998 establishment operation;

1999 (4) A labor peace agreement complying with section 21a-421d has  
2000 been entered into between the cannabis establishment and a bona fide  
2001 labor organization, as defined in section 21a-421d;

2002 (5) A certification by the applicant that a project labor agreement  
2003 complying with section 21a-421e will be entered into by the cannabis  
2004 establishment prior to construction of any facility to be used in the  
2005 operation of a cannabis establishment;



- 2006 (6) A social equity plan approved by the Social Equity Council;
- 2007 (7) A workforce development plan approved by the Social Equity  
2008 Council;
- 2009 (8) Written policies for preventing diversion and misuse of cannabis  
2010 and sales to underage persons; and
- 2011 (9) All other security requirements set forth by the department based  
2012 on the specific license type.
- 2013 [(k)] (l) At any point prior to the expiration of the provisional license,  
2014 the department may award a provisional licensee a final license for the  
2015 license type for which the licensee applied. Prior to receiving final  
2016 license approval, a provisional licensee shall not possess, distribute,  
2017 manufacture, sell or transfer cannabis. The department may conduct site  
2018 inspections prior to issuing a final license.
- 2019 [(l)] (m) At any time after receiving a final license, a cannabis  
2020 establishment may begin operations, provided all other requirements  
2021 for opening a business in compliance with the laws of this state are  
2022 complete and all employees have been registered and all key employees  
2023 and backers have been licensed, with the department.
- 2024 Sec. 29. Subsection (e) of section 21a-420j of the general statutes is  
2025 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
2026 *passage*):
- 2027 (e) Equity joint ventures that are retailers or hybrid retailers that share  
2028 a common [cultivator or] cultivator backer or owner shall not be located  
2029 within twenty miles of [another commonly owned equity joint venture]  
2030 each other.
- 2031 Sec. 30. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420l of the general statutes is  
2032 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2033 *2023*):
- 2034 (d) For purposes of this section, "social equity partner" means a

2035 person that is controlled, and at least sixty-five per cent owned, [and  
2036 controlled] by an individual or individuals, or such applicant is an  
2037 individual, who:

2038 (1) Had an average household income of less than three hundred per  
2039 cent of the state median household income over the three tax years  
2040 immediately preceding such individual's application; and

2041 (2) (A) Was a resident of a disproportionately impacted area for not  
2042 less than five of the ten years immediately preceding the date of such  
2043 application; or

2044 (B) Was a resident of a disproportionately impacted area for not less  
2045 than nine years prior to attaining the age of eighteen.

2046 Sec. 31. Subsections (b) to (f), inclusive, of section 21a-420m of the  
2047 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2048 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2049 (b) The equity joint venture shall be in any cannabis establishment  
2050 licensed business, other than a cultivator license, provided such equity  
2051 joint venture is at least fifty per cent owned and controlled by an  
2052 individual or individuals who meet, or the equity joint venture  
2053 applicant is an individual who meets, the criteria established in  
2054 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(48)] (50) of section 21a-420,  
2055 as amended by this act.

2056 (c) The equity joint venture applicant shall submit an application to  
2057 the Social Equity Council that may include, but need not be limited to,  
2058 evidence of business formation, ownership allocation, terms of  
2059 ownership and financing and proof of social equity status. The equity  
2060 joint venture applicant shall submit to the Social Equity Council  
2061 information including, but not limited to, the organizing documents of  
2062 the entity that outline the ownership stake of each backer, initial backer  
2063 investment and payout information to enable the council to determine  
2064 the terms of ownership.

2065 (d) Upon obtaining the written approval of the Social Equity Council  
2066 for an equity joint venture, the equity joint venture applicant shall apply  
2067 for a license from the department in the same form as required by all  
2068 other licensees of the same license type, except that such application  
2069 shall not be subject to the lottery.

2070 (e) A producer, including the backer of such producer, shall not  
2071 increase its ownership in an equity joint venture in excess of fifty per  
2072 cent during the seven-year period after a license is issued by the  
2073 department under this section.

2074 (f) Equity joint ventures that are retailers or hybrid retailers that share  
2075 a common [producer or] producer backer [and that are retailers or  
2076 hybrid retailers] or owner shall not be located within twenty miles of  
2077 [another commonly owned equity joint venture] each other.

2078 Sec. 32. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420n of the general statutes is  
2079 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2080 *2023*):

2081 (d) A cultivator may sell, transfer or transport its cannabis to a  
2082 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer, food and beverage  
2083 manufacturer, product manufacturer, research program, cannabis  
2084 testing laboratory or product packager utilizing its own employees or a  
2085 transporter. A cultivator shall not sell, transfer or deliver to consumers,  
2086 qualifying patients or caregivers, directly or through a delivery service.

2087 Sec. 33. Subsection (e) of section 21a-420p of the general statutes is  
2088 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2089 *2023*):

2090 (e) A micro-cultivator may sell, transfer or transport its cannabis to a  
2091 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer, delivery service, food and  
2092 beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, research program,  
2093 cannabis testing laboratory or product packager, provided the cannabis  
2094 is cultivated, grown and propagated at the micro-cultivator's licensed  
2095 establishment and transported utilizing the micro-cultivator's own

2096 employees or a transporter. A micro-cultivator shall not gift or transfer  
2097 cannabis or cannabis products at no cost to a consumer as part of a  
2098 commercial transaction.

2099 Sec. 34. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420r of the general statutes is  
2100 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2101 *2023*):

2102 (b) A retailer may obtain cannabis from a cultivator, micro-cultivator,  
2103 producer, product packager, food and beverage manufacturer, product  
2104 manufacturer or transporter or an undeliverable return from a delivery  
2105 service. A retailer may sell, transport or transfer cannabis or cannabis  
2106 products to a delivery service, cannabis testing laboratory or research  
2107 program. A retailer may sell cannabis to a consumer or research  
2108 program. A retailer may not conduct sales of medical marijuana  
2109 products nor offer discounts or other inducements to qualifying patients  
2110 or caregivers. A retailer shall not gift or transfer cannabis at no cost to a  
2111 consumer as part of a commercial transaction.

2112 Sec. 35. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420s of the general statutes is  
2113 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2114 *2023*):

2115 (b) A hybrid retailer may obtain cannabis from a cultivator, micro-  
2116 cultivator, producer, product packager, food and beverage  
2117 manufacturer, product manufacturer or transporter. In addition to the  
2118 activities authorized under section 21a-420t, a hybrid retailer may sell,  
2119 transport or transfer cannabis to a delivery service, cannabis testing  
2120 laboratory or research program. A hybrid retailer may sell cannabis  
2121 products to a consumer or research program. A hybrid retailer shall not  
2122 gift or transfer cannabis at no cost to a consumer, qualifying patient or  
2123 caregiver as part of a commercial transaction.

2124 Sec. 36. Subsections (b) to (f), inclusive, of section 21a-420u of the  
2125 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2126 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2127 (b) Any equity joint venture created under this section shall be  
2128 created for the development of a cannabis establishment, other than a  
2129 cultivator, provided such equity joint venture is at least fifty per cent  
2130 owned and controlled by an individual or individuals who meet, or the  
2131 equity joint venture applicant is an individual who meets, the criteria  
2132 established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(48)] (50) of  
2133 section 21a-420, as amended by this act.

2134 (c) An equity joint venture applicant shall submit an application to  
2135 the Social Equity Council that may include, but need not be limited to,  
2136 evidence of business formation, ownership allocation, terms of  
2137 ownership and financing and proof of social equity status. The equity  
2138 joint venture applicant shall submit to the Social Equity Council  
2139 information including, but not limited to, the organizing documents of  
2140 the entity that outline the ownership stake of each backer, initial backer  
2141 investment and payout information to enable the council to determine  
2142 the terms of ownership.

2143 (d) Upon receipt of written approval of the equity joint venture by  
2144 the Social Equity Council, the equity joint venture applicant shall apply  
2145 for a license from the department in the same form as required by all  
2146 other licensees of the same license type and subject to the same fees as  
2147 required by all other licensees of the same license type, except that such  
2148 application shall not be subject to the lottery process.

2149 (e) A dispensary facility, including the backers of such dispensary  
2150 facility, shall not increase its ownership in an equity joint venture in  
2151 excess of fifty per cent during the seven-year period after a license is  
2152 issued by the department under this section.

2153 (f) Equity joint ventures that are retailers or hybrid retailers that share  
2154 a common [dispensary facility or] dispensary facility backer or owner,  
2155 or hybrid retailer backer or owner, shall not be located within twenty  
2156 miles of [another commonly owned equity joint venture] each other.

2157 Sec. 37. Subsection (d) of section 21a-420w of the general statutes is  
2158 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

2159 2023):

2160 (d) A food and beverage manufacturer may sell, transfer or transport  
2161 its own products to a cannabis establishment, cannabis testing  
2162 laboratory or research program, utilizing its employees or a transporter.  
2163 A food and beverage manufacturer may not deliver any cannabis,  
2164 cannabis products or food or beverage incorporating cannabis to a  
2165 consumer, directly or through a delivery service.

2166 Sec. 38. Section 21a-420x of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2167 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2168 (a) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may issue or renew a  
2169 license for a person to be a product manufacturer. No person may act as  
2170 a product manufacturer or represent that such person is a licensed  
2171 product manufacturer unless such person has obtained a license from  
2172 the department pursuant to this section.

2173 (b) A product manufacturer may perform cannabis extractions,  
2174 chemical synthesis and all other manufacturing activities authorized by  
2175 the commissioner and published on the department's Internet web site.

2176 (c) A product manufacturer may package and label cannabis  
2177 manufactured at its establishment subject to the license.

2178 (d) A product manufacturer may sell, transfer or transport its own  
2179 products to a cannabis establishment, cannabis testing laboratory or  
2180 research program, provided such transportation is performed by  
2181 utilizing its own employees or a transporter. A product manufacturer  
2182 may not deliver any cannabis to a consumer directly or through a  
2183 delivery service.

2184 (e) All products created by a product manufacturer shall be labeled  
2185 in accordance with the policies and procedures issued by the  
2186 commissioner to implement, and any regulations adopted pursuant to,  
2187 RERACA as well as federal Food and Drug Administration  
2188 requirements.

2189 (f) A product manufacturer shall ensure all equipment utilized for  
2190 manufacturing, extracting, processing and packaging cannabis is  
2191 sanitary and inspected regularly to deter the adulteration of cannabis in  
2192 accordance with RERACA as well as federal Food and Drug  
2193 Administration requirements.

2194 (g) (1) A product manufacturer may manufacture edible cannabis  
2195 products if: (A) The product manufacturer submits to the department (i)  
2196 a completed license expansion application on a form and in a manner  
2197 prescribed by the commissioner, and (ii) the fee prescribed in  
2198 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of section 21a-420e,  
2199 as amended by this act; and (B) the commissioner authorizes the product  
2200 manufacturer, in writing, to expand such product manufacturer's  
2201 authorized activities to include manufacturing edible cannabis  
2202 products.

2203 (2) All equipment that a product manufacturer utilizes to  
2204 manufacture edible cannabis products shall be sanitary and regularly  
2205 inspected in accordance with all applicable requirements established:  
2206 (A) In this chapter and the regulations, policies and procedures adopted  
2207 pursuant to this chapter; (B) by the United States Department of  
2208 Agriculture; and (C) by the United States Food and Drug  
2209 Administration.

2210 (3) A product manufacturer shall label all edible cannabis products  
2211 that such product manufacturer manufactures in accordance with all  
2212 applicable requirements established: (A) In this chapter and the  
2213 regulations, policies and procedures adopted pursuant to this chapter;  
2214 (B) by the United States Department of Agriculture; and (C) by the  
2215 United States Food and Drug Administration.

2216 Sec. 39. Subsection (b) of section 21a-420y of the general statutes is  
2217 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2218 *2023*):

2219 (b) A product packager may obtain cannabis from a producer,  
2220 cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer or a

2221 product manufacturer, provided the product packager utilizes its own  
2222 employees or a transporter. The product packager may sell, transfer or  
2223 transport cannabis to and from any cannabis establishment, cannabis  
2224 testing laboratory or research program, provided the product packager  
2225 only transports cannabis packaged at its licensed establishment and  
2226 utilizing its own employees or a transporter.

2227 Sec. 40. Section 21a-420z of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2228 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2229 (a) On and after July 1, 2021, the department may issue or renew a  
2230 license for a person to be a delivery service or a transporter. No person  
2231 may act as a delivery service or transporter or represent that such person  
2232 is a licensed delivery service or transporter unless such person has  
2233 obtained a license from the department pursuant to this section.

2234 (b) Upon application for a delivery service or transporter license, the  
2235 applicant shall indicate whether the applicant is applying to transport  
2236 cannabis (1) between cannabis establishments, in which case the  
2237 applicant shall apply for a transporter license, or (2) from certain  
2238 cannabis establishments to consumers or qualifying patients and  
2239 caregivers, or a combination thereof, in which case the applicant shall  
2240 apply for a delivery service license.

2241 (c) A delivery service may (1) deliver cannabis from a micro-  
2242 cultivator, retailer, or hybrid retailer directly to a consumer, and (2)  
2243 deliver cannabis and medical marijuana products from a hybrid retailer  
2244 or dispensary facility directly to a qualifying patient, caregiver, or  
2245 hospice or other inpatient care facility licensed by the Department of  
2246 Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v that has protocols for the  
2247 handling and distribution of cannabis that have been approved by the  
2248 Department of Consumer Protection. A delivery service may not store  
2249 or maintain control of cannabis or medical marijuana products for more  
2250 than twenty-four hours between the point when a consumer, qualifying  
2251 patient, caregiver or facility places an order, until the time that the  
2252 cannabis or medical marijuana product is delivered to such consumer,



2253 qualifying patient, caregiver or facility.

2254 (d) A transporter may deliver cannabis between cannabis  
2255 establishments, research programs and cannabis testing laboratories  
2256 and shall not store or maintain control of cannabis for more than twenty-  
2257 four hours from the time the transporter obtains the cannabis from a  
2258 cannabis establishment, research program or cannabis testing  
2259 laboratory until the time such cannabis is delivered to the destination.

2260 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
2261 chapter 54, to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding  
2262 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to  
2263 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and  
2264 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue  
2265 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section that  
2266 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all  
2267 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site, and  
2268 submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for  
2269 posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the  
2270 effective date of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure  
2271 shall no longer be effective upon the earlier of either adoption of such  
2272 policy or procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-  
2273 eight months from July 1, 2021, if such final regulations have not been  
2274 submitted to the legislative regulation review committee for  
2275 consideration under section 4-170. The commissioner shall issue policies  
2276 and procedures, and thereafter adopt final regulations, requiring that:  
2277 (1) The delivery service and transporter meet certain security  
2278 requirements related to the storage, handling and transport of cannabis,  
2279 the vehicles employed, the conduct of employees and agents, and the  
2280 documentation that shall be maintained by the delivery service,  
2281 transporter and its drivers; (2) a delivery service that delivers cannabis  
2282 to consumers maintain an online interface that verifies the age of  
2283 consumers ordering cannabis for delivery and meets certain  
2284 specifications and data security standards; and (3) a delivery service that  
2285 delivers cannabis to consumers, qualifying patients or caregivers, and  
2286 all employees and agents of such licensee, to verify the identity of the

2287 qualifying patient, caregiver or consumer and the age of the consumer  
2288 upon delivery of cannabis to the end consumer, qualifying patient or  
2289 caregiver, in a manner acceptable to the commissioner. The individual  
2290 placing the cannabis order shall be the individual accepting delivery of  
2291 the cannabis except, in the case of a qualifying patient, the individual  
2292 accepting the delivery may be the caregiver of such qualifying patient.

2293 (f) A delivery service shall not gift or transfer cannabis at no cost to a  
2294 consumer or qualifying patient or caregiver as part of a commercial  
2295 transaction.

2296 (g) A delivery service that employs twelve or more individuals to  
2297 deliver cannabis pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may only use  
2298 individuals employed on a full-time basis, not less than thirty-five hours  
2299 a week, to deliver cannabis pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.  
2300 Any delivery service employees who deliver cannabis shall be  
2301 registered with the department, and a delivery service shall not employ  
2302 more than twenty-five such delivery employees at any given time.

2303 (h) No provision of this section shall be construed to excuse any  
2304 delivery service from the requirement that such delivery service enter  
2305 into a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization under  
2306 section 21a-421d.

2307 Sec. 41. Subsection (a) of section 21a-421a of the general statutes is  
2308 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2309 *2023*):

2310 (a) Each employee of a cannabis establishment, cannabis testing  
2311 laboratory or research program, other than a key employee, shall  
2312 annually apply for and obtain a registration, on a form and in a manner  
2313 prescribed by the commissioner, prior to commencing employment at  
2314 the cannabis establishment business.

2315 Sec. 42. Section 21a-421b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2316 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2317 (a) For the purposes of this section:

2318 (1) "Applicant" means an entity applying for an initial or renewal  
2319 cannabis establishment or cannabis testing laboratory license;

2320 (2) "Entity" means an association, company, corporation,  
2321 organization, partnership, sole proprietorship or trust;

2322 (3) "Executive managerial control" means, with respect to an  
2323 individual, the authority or power to direct or influence the direction or  
2324 operation of an applicant through agreement, board membership,  
2325 contract or voting power;

2326 (4) "Manager" means an individual who is not a key employee and  
2327 has (A) an ownership interest in an applicant, and (B) executive  
2328 managerial control of an applicant;

2329 (5) "Owner" means an individual who has more than a five per cent  
2330 ownership interest in an applicant; and

2331 (6) "Ownership interest" means the possession of equity in the assets,  
2332 capital, profits or stock of an applicant.

2333 [(a) On and after July 1, 2021, the] (b) The commissioner shall require  
2334 [all individuals listed on an application for a cannabis establishment  
2335 license, laboratory or research program license, or key employee license  
2336 to submit to] that a fingerprint-based state and national criminal history  
2337 records [checks before such license is issued. The criminal history  
2338 records checks required pursuant to this subsection shall] check be  
2339 conducted in accordance with section 29-17a [. Upon renewal, the] for  
2340 each key employee, manager and owner of an applicant. The  
2341 commissioner may require [all individuals listed on an application for a  
2342 cannabis establishment license, laboratory or research program license,  
2343 or key employee license to be fingerprinted and] such key employees,  
2344 managers and owners to submit to a state and national criminal history  
2345 records check conducted in accordance with section 29-17a before [such  
2346 renewal] issuing a license [is issued] renewal.

2347 (c) A key employee, manager or owner shall be denied a license in  
2348 the event that the key employee's background check reveals a  
2349 disqualifying conviction.

2350 [(b)] (d) The department shall charge the applicant a fee equal to the  
2351 amount charged to the department to conduct a state and national  
2352 criminal history records check of the applicant.

2353 Sec. 43. Section 21a-421j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2354 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2355 (a) As used in this section, "total THC" has the same meaning as  
2356 provided in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

2357 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
2358 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding  
2359 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to  
2360 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and  
2361 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue  
2362 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of RERACA that  
2363 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all  
2364 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site and  
2365 submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for  
2366 posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the  
2367 effective date of any policy or procedure. The commissioner shall also  
2368 provide such policies and procedures, in a manner prescribed by the  
2369 commissioner, to each licensee. Any such policy or procedure shall no  
2370 longer be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy  
2371 or procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or forty-eight  
2372 months from June 22, 2021, if such regulations have not been submitted  
2373 to the legislative regulation review committee for consideration under  
2374 section 4-170. The commissioner shall issue policies and procedures and  
2375 thereafter final regulations that include, but are not limited to, the  
2376 following:

2377 (1) Setting appropriate dosage, potency, concentration and serving  
2378 size limits and delineation requirements for cannabis, provided a

2379 standardized serving of edible cannabis product or beverage, other than  
2380 a medical marijuana product, shall contain not more than five  
2381 milligrams of THC. [;]

2382 (2) Requiring that each single standardized serving of cannabis  
2383 product in a multiple-serving edible product or beverage is physically  
2384 demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to determine how  
2385 much of the product constitutes a single serving and a maximum  
2386 amount of THC per multiple-serving edible cannabis product or  
2387 beverage. [;]

2388 (3) Requiring that, if it is impracticable to clearly demark every  
2389 standardized serving of cannabis product or to make each standardized  
2390 serving easily separable in an edible cannabis product or beverage, the  
2391 product, other than cannabis concentrate or medical marijuana product,  
2392 shall contain not more than five milligrams of THC per unit of sale. [;]

2393 (4) Establishing, in consultation with the Department of Mental  
2394 Health and Addiction Services, consumer health materials that shall be  
2395 posted or distributed, as specified by the commissioner, by cannabis  
2396 establishments to maximize dissemination to cannabis consumers.  
2397 Consumer health materials may include pamphlets, packaging inserts,  
2398 signage, online and printed advertisements and advisories and printed  
2399 health materials. [;]

2400 (5) Imposing labeling and packaging requirements for cannabis sold  
2401 by a cannabis establishment that include, but are not limited to, the  
2402 following:

2403 (A) [A] Inclusion of universal [symbol] symbols to indicate that  
2404 cannabis, or a cannabis product, [contains cannabis] contains THC and  
2405 is not legal or safe for individuals younger than twenty-one years of age,  
2406 and prescribe how such product and product packaging shall utilize  
2407 and exhibit such [symbol;] symbols.

2408 (B) A disclosure concerning the length of time it typically takes for  
2409 the cannabis to affect an individual, including that certain forms of

2410 cannabis take longer to have an effect. [;]

2411 (C) A notation of the amount of cannabis the cannabis product is  
2412 considered the equivalent to. [;]

2413 (D) A list of ingredients and all additives for cannabis. [;]

2414 (E) Child-resistant, tamper-resistant and light-resistant packaging,  
2415 including requiring that an edible product be individually wrapped. [;]  
2416 For the purposes of this subparagraph, packaging shall be deemed to be  
2417 (i) child-resistant if the packaging satisfies the standard for special  
2418 packaging established in 16 CFR 1700.1(b)(4), as amended from time to  
2419 time, (ii) tamper-resistant if the packaging has at least one barrier to, or  
2420 indicator of, entry that would preclude the contents of such packaging  
2421 from being accessed or adulterated without indicating to a reasonable  
2422 person that such packaging has been breached, and (iii) light-resistant if  
2423 the packaging is entirely and uniformly opaque and protects the entirety  
2424 of the contents of such packaging from the effects of light.

2425 (F) Packaging for cannabis intended for multiple servings to be  
2426 resealable in such a manner so as to render such packaging continuously  
2427 child-resistant, as described in subparagraph (E)(i) of this subdivision,  
2428 and preserve the integrity of the contents of such packaging.

2429 (G) Impervious packaging that protects the contents of such  
2430 packaging from contamination and exposure to any toxic or harmful  
2431 substance, including, but not limited to, any glue or other adhesive or  
2432 substance that is incorporated in such packaging.

2433 [(F)] (H) Product tracking information sufficient to determine where  
2434 and when the cannabis was grown and manufactured such that a  
2435 product recall could be effectuated. [;]

2436 [(G)] (I) A net weight statement. [;]

2437 [(H)] (J) A recommended use by or expiration date. [; and]

2438 [(I)] (K) Standard and uniform packaging and labeling, including, but

2439 not limited to, requirements (i) regarding branding or logos, (ii) that all  
2440 packaging be opaque, and (iii) that amounts and concentrations of THC  
2441 and cannabidiol, per serving and per package, be clearly marked on the  
2442 packaging or label of any cannabis product sold. [;]

2443 (L) For any cannabis concentrate cannabis product that contains a  
2444 total THC percentage greater than thirty per cent, a warning that such  
2445 cannabis product is a high-potency product and may increase the risk  
2446 of psychosis.

2447 (M) Chemotypes, which shall be displayed as (i) "High THC, Low  
2448 CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is greater than five to one and the  
2449 total THC percentage is at least fifteen per cent, (ii) "Moderate THC,  
2450 Moderate CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is at least one to five but  
2451 not greater than five to one and the total THC percentage is greater than  
2452 five per cent but less than fifteen per cent, (iii) "Low THC, High CBD"  
2453 where the ratio of THC to CBD is less than one to five and the total THC  
2454 percentage is not greater than five per cent, or (iv) the chemotype  
2455 described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subparagraph that most closely  
2456 fits the cannabis or cannabis product, as determined by mathematical  
2457 analysis of the ratio of THC to CBD, where such cannabis or cannabis  
2458 product does not fit a chemotype described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of  
2459 this subparagraph.

2460 (N) A requirement that, prior to being sold and transferred to a  
2461 consumer, qualifying patient or caregiver, cannabis packaging be  
2462 clearly labeled, whether printed directly on such packaging or affixed  
2463 by way of a separate label, other than an extended content label, with:

2464 (i) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking  
2465 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under  
2466 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by  
2467 the commissioner pursuant to this section; and

2468 (ii) The following information concerning the cannabis contained in  
2469 such packaging, which shall be in legible English, black lettering, Times  
2470 New Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background

2471 and in uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a  
2472 capital letter "K", which information shall also be available on the  
2473 Internet web site of the cannabis establishment that sells and transfers  
2474 such cannabis:

2475 (I) The name of such cannabis, as registered with the department  
2476 under the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted,  
2477 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

2478 (II) The expiration date, which shall not account for any refrigeration  
2479 after such cannabis is sold and transferred to the consumer, qualifying  
2480 patient or caregiver.

2481 (III) The net weight or volume, expressed in metric and imperial  
2482 units.

2483 (IV) The standardized serving size, expressed in customary units, and  
2484 the number of servings included in such packaging, if applicable.

2485 (V) Directions for use and storage.

2486 (VI) Each active ingredient comprising at least one per cent of such  
2487 cannabis, including cannabinoids, isomers, esters, ethers and salts and  
2488 salts of isomers, esters and ethers, and all quantities thereof expressed  
2489 in metric units and as a percentage of volume.

2490 (VII) A list of all known allergens, as identified by the federal Food  
2491 and Drug Administration, contained in such cannabis, or the denotation  
2492 "no known FDA identified allergens" if such cannabis does not contain  
2493 any allergen identified by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

2494 (VIII) The following warning statement within, and outlined by, a red  
2495 box:

2496 "This product is not FDA-approved, may be intoxicating, cause long-  
2497 term physical and mental health problems, and have delayed side  
2498 effects. It is illegal to operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence  
2499 of cannabis. Keep away from children."



2500 (IX) At least one of the following warning statements, rotated  
2501 quarterly on an alternating basis:

2502 "Warning: Frequent and prolonged use of cannabis can contribute to  
2503 mental health problems over time, including anxiety, depression,  
2504 stunted brain development and impaired memory."

2505 "Warning: Consumption while pregnant or breastfeeding may be  
2506 harmful."

2507 "Warning: Cannabis has intoxicating effects and may be habit-  
2508 forming and addictive."

2509 "Warning: Consuming more than the recommended amount may  
2510 result in adverse effects requiring medical attention."

2511 (X) All information necessary to comply with labeling requirements  
2512 imposed under the laws of this state or federal law, including, but not  
2513 limited to, sections 21a-91 to 21a-120, inclusive, and 21a-151 to 21a-159,  
2514 inclusive, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 301 et seq.,  
2515 as amended from time to time, and the federal Fair Packaging and  
2516 Labeling Act, 15 USC 1451 et seq., as amended from time to time, for  
2517 similar products that do not contain cannabis.

2518 (XI) Such additional warning labels for certain cannabis products as  
2519 the commissioner may require and post on the department's Internet  
2520 web site.

2521 (6) Establishing laboratory testing standards. [;]

2522 (7) Restricting forms of cannabis products and cannabis product  
2523 delivery systems to ensure consumer safety and deter public health  
2524 concerns. [;]

2525 (8) Prohibiting certain manufacturing methods, or inclusion of  
2526 additives to cannabis products, including, but not limited to, (A) added  
2527 flavoring, terpenes or other additives unless approved by the  
2528 department, or (B) any form of nicotine or other additive containing

- 2529 nicotine. [;]
- 2530 (9) Prohibiting cannabis product types that appeal to children. [;]
- 2531 (10) Establishing physical and cyber security requirements related to  
2532 build out, monitoring and protocols for cannabis establishments as a  
2533 requirement for licensure. [;]
- 2534 (11) Placing temporary limits on the sale of cannabis in the adult-use  
2535 market, if deemed appropriate and necessary by the commissioner, in  
2536 response to a shortage of cannabis for qualifying patients. [;]
- 2537 (12) Requiring retailers and hybrid retailers to make best efforts to  
2538 provide access to (A) low-dose THC products, including products that  
2539 have one milligram and two and a half milligrams of THC per dose, and  
2540 (B) high-dose CBD products. [;]
- 2541 (13) Requiring producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators, product  
2542 manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers to register brand  
2543 names for cannabis, in accordance with the policies and procedures and  
2544 subject to the fee set forth in, regulations adopted under chapter 420f. [;]
- 2545 (14) Prohibiting a cannabis establishment from selling, other than the  
2546 sale of medical marijuana products between cannabis establishments  
2547 and the sale of cannabis to qualified patients and caregivers, (A)  
2548 cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material with a total THC  
2549 concentration greater than thirty per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (B)  
2550 any cannabis product other than cannabis flower and cannabis plant  
2551 material with a total THC concentration greater than sixty per cent on a  
2552 dry-weight basis, except that the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this  
2553 subdivision shall not apply to the sale of prefilled cartridges for use in  
2554 an electronic cannabis delivery system, as defined in section 19a-342a  
2555 and the department may adjust the percentages set forth in  
2556 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision in regulations adopted  
2557 pursuant to this section for purposes of public health or to address  
2558 market access or shortage. As used in this subdivision, ["total THC" has  
2559 the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240 and] "cannabis plant

2560 material" means material from the cannabis plant, as defined in section  
2561 21a-279a. [; and]

2562 (15) Permitting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis.

2563 (16) Prohibiting packaging that is (A) visually similar to any  
2564 commercially similar product that does not contain cannabis, or (B) used  
2565 for any good that is marketed to individuals reasonably expected to be  
2566 younger than twenty-one years of age.

2567 (17) Allowing packaging to include a picture of the cannabis product  
2568 and contain a logo of one cannabis establishment, which logo may be  
2569 comprised of not more than three colors and provided neither black nor  
2570 white shall be considered one of such three colors.

2571 (18) Requiring packaging to (A) be entirely and uniformly one color,  
2572 and (B) not incorporate any information, print, embossing, debossing,  
2573 graphic or hidden feature, other than any permitted or required label.

2574 (19) Requiring that packaging and labeling for an edible cannabis  
2575 product, excluding the warning labels required under this subsection  
2576 and a picture of the cannabis product described in subdivision (17) of  
2577 this subsection but including, but not limited to, the logo of the cannabis  
2578 establishment, shall only be comprised of black and white or a  
2579 combination thereof.

2580 (20) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
2581 requiring that delivery device cartridges be labeled, in a clearly legible  
2582 manner and in as large a font as the size of the device reasonably allows,  
2583 with only the following information (i) the name of the cannabis  
2584 establishment where the cannabis is grown or manufactured, (ii) the  
2585 cannabis brand, (iii) the total THC and total CBD content contained  
2586 within the delivery device cartridge, (iv) the expiration date, and (v) the  
2587 unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking system  
2588 maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under the  
2589 policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by the  
2590 commissioner pursuant to this section.

2591 (B) A cannabis establishment may emboss, deboss or similarly print  
2592 the name of the cannabis establishment's business entity, and one logo  
2593 with not more than three colors, on a delivery device cartridge.

2594 Sec. 44. Section 21a-421p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2595 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2596 (a) For sufficient cause found pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
2597 section, the commissioner may suspend or revoke a license or  
2598 registration, issue fines of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars  
2599 per violation, accept an offer in compromise or refuse to grant or renew  
2600 a license or registration issued pursuant to RERACA, or place such  
2601 licensee or registrant on probation, place conditions on such licensee or  
2602 registrant or take other actions [permitted] authorized by law.  
2603 Information from inspections and investigations conducted by the  
2604 department related to administrative complaints or cases shall not be  
2605 subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined  
2606 in section 1-200, except after the department has entered into a  
2607 settlement agreement, or concluded its investigation or inspection as  
2608 evidenced by case closure, provided [that] nothing in this section shall  
2609 prevent the department from sharing information with other state and  
2610 federal agencies and law enforcement as it relates to investigating  
2611 violations of law.

2612 (b) Any of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for such  
2613 action by the commissioner, including, but not limited to:

2614 (1) Furnishing of false or fraudulent information in any application  
2615 or failure to comply with representations made in any application,  
2616 including, but not limited to, medical preservation plans and security  
2617 requirements;

2618 (2) A civil judgment against or disqualifying conviction of a cannabis  
2619 establishment licensee, backer, key employee or license applicant;

2620 (3) Failure to maintain effective controls against diversion, theft or  
2621 loss of cannabis, cannabis products or other controlled substances;

- 2622 (4) Discipline by, or a pending disciplinary action or an unresolved  
2623 complaint against a cannabis establishment licensee, registrant or  
2624 applicant regarding any professional license or registration of any  
2625 federal, state or local government;
- 2626 (5) Failure to keep accurate records and to account for the cultivation,  
2627 manufacture, packaging or sale of cannabis;
- 2628 (6) Denial, suspension or revocation of a license or registration, or the  
2629 denial of a renewal of a license or registration, by any federal, state or  
2630 local government or a foreign jurisdiction;
- 2631 (7) False, misleading or deceptive representations to the public or the  
2632 department;
- 2633 (8) Return to regular stock of any cannabis where:
- 2634 (A) The package or container containing the cannabis has been  
2635 opened, breached, tampered with or otherwise adulterated; or
- 2636 (B) The cannabis has been previously sold to an end user or research  
2637 program subject;
- 2638 (9) Involvement in a fraudulent or deceitful practice or transaction;
- 2639 (10) Performance of incompetent or negligent work;
- 2640 (11) Failure to maintain the entire cannabis establishment premises  
2641 or cannabis testing laboratory and contents in a secure, clean, orderly  
2642 and sanitary condition;
- 2643 (12) [~~Permitting~~] Allowing another person to use the licensee's  
2644 license;
- 2645 (13) Failure to properly register employees or license key employees,  
2646 or failure to notify the department of a change in key employees or  
2647 backers;
- 2648 (14) An adverse administrative decision or delinquency assessment

2649 against the cannabis establishment from the Department of Revenue  
2650 Services;

2651 (15) Failure to cooperate or give information to the department, local  
2652 law enforcement authorities or any other enforcement agency upon any  
2653 matter arising out of conduct in connection with a research program or  
2654 at the premises of a cannabis establishment or a cannabis testing  
2655 laboratory; [or in connection with a research program;]

2656 (16) Advertising in a manner prohibited by section 21a-421bb, as  
2657 amended by this act; or

2658 (17) Failure to comply with any provision of RERACA, or any policies  
2659 and procedures issued by the commissioner to implement, or  
2660 regulations adopted pursuant to, RERACA.

2661 (c) Upon refusal to issue or renew a license or registration, the  
2662 commissioner shall notify the applicant of the denial and of the  
2663 applicant's right to request a hearing within ten days from the date of  
2664 receipt of the notice of denial. If the applicant requests a hearing within  
2665 such ten-day period, the commissioner shall give notice of the grounds  
2666 for the commissioner's refusal and shall conduct a hearing concerning  
2667 such refusal in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 concerning  
2668 contested cases. If the commissioner's denial of a license or registration  
2669 is sustained after such hearing, an applicant may not apply for a new  
2670 cannabis establishment, cannabis testing laboratory, backer or key  
2671 employee license, or employee registration or cannabis testing  
2672 laboratory employee registration, for a period of one year after the date  
2673 on which such denial was sustained.

2674 (d) No person whose license or registration has been revoked may  
2675 apply for a cannabis establishment, backer or key employee license or  
2676 an employee registration for a period of one year after the date of such  
2677 revocation.

2678 (e) The voluntary surrender of a license or registration, or failure to  
2679 renew a license or registration, shall not prevent the commissioner from

2680 suspending or revoking such license or registration or imposing other  
2681 penalties permitted by RERACA.

2682 Sec. 45. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 21a-421bb of the  
2683 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2684 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2685 (a) No person, other than the holder of a cannabis establishment  
2686 license issued [by this state] pursuant to this chapter or a person who  
2687 provides professional services related to the purchase, sale or use of  
2688 cannabis, shall advertise any cannabis or services related to cannabis in  
2689 this state.

2690 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, cannabis  
2691 establishments shall not:

2692 (1) Advertise, including, but not limited to, through a business name  
2693 or logo, cannabis, cannabis paraphernalia or goods or services related to  
2694 cannabis:

2695 (A) In ways that target or are designed to appeal to individuals under  
2696 twenty-one years of age, including, but not limited to, spokespersons or  
2697 celebrities who appeal to individuals under the legal age to purchase  
2698 cannabis or cannabis products, depictions of a person under twenty-five  
2699 years of age consuming cannabis, or, the inclusion of objects, such as  
2700 toys, characters or cartoon characters, suggesting the presence of a  
2701 person under twenty-one years of age, or any other depiction designed  
2702 in any manner to be appealing to a person under twenty-one years of  
2703 age; or

2704 (B) By using any image, or any other visual representation, of the  
2705 cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant, including, but not  
2706 limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant;

2707 (2) Engage in any advertising by means of any form of billboard  
2708 within one thousand five hundred feet of an elementary or secondary  
2709 school ground or a house of worship, recreation center or facility, child

2710 care center, playground, public park or library, or engage in any  
2711 advertising by means of [an electronic or illuminated] a billboard  
2712 between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock p.m.;

2713 (3) Engage in advertising by means of any television, radio, Internet,  
2714 mobile application, social media or other electronic communication,  
2715 billboard or other outdoor signage, or print publication unless the  
2716 cannabis establishment has reliable evidence that at least ninety per cent  
2717 of the audience for the advertisement is reasonably expected to be  
2718 twenty-one years of age or older;

2719 (4) Engage in advertising or marketing directed toward location-  
2720 based devices, including, but not limited to, cellular phones, unless the  
2721 marketing is a mobile device application installed on the device by the  
2722 owner of the device who is twenty-one years of age or older and  
2723 includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature and warnings that the  
2724 use of cannabis is restricted to persons twenty-one years of age or older;

2725 (5) Advertise cannabis or cannabis products in a manner claiming or  
2726 implying, or permit any employee of the cannabis establishment to  
2727 claim or imply, that such products have curative or therapeutic effects,  
2728 or that any other medical claim is true, or allow any employee to  
2729 promote cannabis for a wellness purpose unless such claims are  
2730 substantiated as set forth in regulations adopted under chapter 420f or  
2731 verbally conveyed by a licensed pharmacist or other licensed medical  
2732 practitioner in the course of business in, or while representing, a hybrid  
2733 retail or dispensary facility;

2734 (6) Sponsor charitable, sports, musical, artistic, cultural, social or  
2735 other similar events or advertising at, or in connection with, such an  
2736 event unless the cannabis establishment has reliable evidence that (A)  
2737 not more than ten per cent of the in-person audience at the event is  
2738 reasonably expected to be under the legal age to purchase cannabis or  
2739 cannabis products, and (B) not more than ten per cent of the audience  
2740 that will watch, listen or participate in the event is expected to be under  
2741 the legal age to purchase cannabis products;



2742 (7) Advertise cannabis, cannabis products or cannabis paraphernalia  
2743 in any physical form visible to the public within five hundred feet of an  
2744 elementary or secondary school ground or a recreation center or facility,  
2745 child care center, playground, public park or library;

2746 (8) Cultivate cannabis or manufacture cannabis products for  
2747 distribution outside of this state in violation of federal law, advertise in  
2748 any way that encourages the transportation of cannabis across state lines  
2749 or otherwise encourages illegal activity;

2750 (9) Except for dispensary facilities and hybrid retailers, exhibit within  
2751 or upon the outside of the facility used in the operation of a cannabis  
2752 establishment, or include in any advertisement, the word "dispensary"  
2753 or any variation of such term or any other words, displays or symbols  
2754 indicating that such store, shop or place of business is a dispensary;

2755 (10) Exhibit within or upon the outside of the premises subject to the  
2756 cannabis establishment license, or include in any advertisement the  
2757 words "drug store", "pharmacy", "apothecary", "drug", "drugs" or  
2758 "medicine shop" or any combination of such terms or any other words,  
2759 displays or symbols indicating that such store, shop or place of business  
2760 is a pharmacy;

2761 (11) Advertise on or in public or private vehicles or at bus stops, taxi  
2762 stands, transportation waiting areas, train stations, airports or other  
2763 similar transportation venues including, but not limited to, vinyl-  
2764 wrapped vehicles or signs or logos on transportation vehicles not  
2765 owned by a cannabis establishment;

2766 (12) Display cannabis, cannabis products or any image, or any other  
2767 visual representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis  
2768 plant, including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant, so as  
2769 to be clearly visible to a person from the exterior of the facility used in  
2770 the operation of a cannabis establishment, or display signs or other  
2771 printed material advertising any brand or any kind of cannabis or  
2772 cannabis product, or including any image, or any other visual  
2773 representation, of the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant,

2774 including, but not limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant, on the  
2775 exterior of any facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment;

2776 (13) Utilize radio or loudspeaker, in a vehicle or in or outside of a  
2777 facility used in the operation of a cannabis establishment, for the  
2778 purposes of advertising the sale of cannabis or cannabis products; or

2779 (14) Operate any web site advertising or depicting cannabis, cannabis  
2780 products or cannabis paraphernalia unless such web site verifies that  
2781 the entrants or users are twenty-one years of age or older.

2782 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any  
2783 advertisements from a cannabis establishment shall contain the  
2784 following warning: "Do not use cannabis if you are under twenty-one  
2785 years of age. Keep cannabis out of the reach of children." In a print or  
2786 visual medium, such warning shall be conspicuous, easily legible and  
2787 shall take up not less than ten per cent of the advertisement space. In an  
2788 audio medium, such warning shall be at the same speed as the rest of  
2789 the advertisement and be easily intelligible.

2790 (d) Any outdoor signage, including, but not limited to, any  
2791 monument sign, pylon sign or wayfinding sign, shall be deemed to  
2792 satisfy the audience requirement established in subdivision (3) of  
2793 subsection (b) of this section, be exempt from the distance requirement  
2794 established in subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of this section and [shall]  
2795 not be required to contain the warning required under subsection (c) of  
2796 this section, if such outdoor signage:

2797 (1) Contains only the name and logo of the cannabis establishment;

2798 (2) Does not include any image, or any other visual representation, of  
2799 the cannabis plant or any part of the cannabis plant, including, but not  
2800 limited to, the leaf of the cannabis plant;

2801 (3) Is comprised of not more than three colors; and

2802 (4) Is located:

2803 (A) On the cannabis establishment's premises, regardless of whether  
2804 such cannabis establishment leases or owns such premises; or

2805 (B) On any commercial property occupied by multiple tenants  
2806 including such cannabis establishment.

2807 Sec. 46. Section 22-61l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2808 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

2809 (a) For the purpose of this section and section 22-61m, as amended by  
2810 this act, the following terms have the same meaning as provided in 7  
2811 CFR 990.1, as amended from time to time: "Acceptable hemp THC level",  
2812 "Agricultural marketing service", "Audit", "Cannabis", "Conviction",  
2813 "Corrective action plan", "Culpable mental state greater than  
2814 negligence", "Decarboxylated", "Decarboxylation", "Disposal", "Dry  
2815 weight basis", "Gas chromatography", "Geospatial location", "Handle",  
2816 "Liquid chromatography", "Immature plants", "Information sharing  
2817 system", "Measurement of uncertainty", "Negligence",  
2818 "Phytocannabinoid", "Postdecarboxylation", "Remediation", "Reverse  
2819 distributor" and "Total THC". In addition, for the purpose of this section  
2820 and section 22-61m, as amended by this act:

2821 (1) "Cannabidiol" or "CBD" means the nonpsychotropic compound by  
2822 the same name;

2823 (2) "Certificate of analysis" means a certificate from a laboratory  
2824 describing the results of the laboratory's testing of a sample;

2825 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the  
2826 commissioner's designated agent;

2827 (4) "Cultivate" means to plant, grow, harvest, handle and store a plant  
2828 or crop;

2829 (5) "Federal act" means the United States Agricultural Marketing Act  
2830 of 1946, 7 USC 1639o et seq., as amended from time to time;

2831 (6) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

- 2832 (7) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in the federal act;
- 2833 (8) "Hemp products" means all manufacturer hemp products and  
2834 producer hemp products;
- 2835 (9) "Independent testing laboratory" means a facility:
- 2836 (A) For which no person who has any direct or indirect financial or  
2837 managerial interest in the laboratory and also has any direct or indirect  
2838 interest in a facility that:
- 2839 (i) Produces, distributes, manufactures or sells hemp or hemp  
2840 products, or marijuana in any state or territory of the United States; or
- 2841 (ii) Cultivates, processes, distributes, dispenses or sells marijuana;  
2842 and
- 2843 (B) That is accredited as a laboratory in compliance with section 21a-  
2844 408-59 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies;
- 2845 (10) "Laboratory" means a laboratory that meets the requirements of  
2846 7 CFR 990.3 and that is accredited as a testing laboratory to International  
2847 Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-party  
2848 accrediting body such as the American Association for Laboratory  
2849 Accreditation or the Assured Calibration and Laboratory Accreditation  
2850 Select Services;
- 2851 (11) "Law enforcement agency" means the Connecticut State Police,  
2852 the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of  
2853 Agriculture, the Department of Consumer Protection Drug Control  
2854 Division or any other federal, state or local law enforcement agency or  
2855 drug suppression unit;
- 2856 (12) "Licensee" means an individual or entity that possesses a license  
2857 to produce or manufacture hemp or hemp products in this state;
- 2858 (13) "Manufacture" means the conversion of the hemp plant into a by-  
2859 product by means of adding heat, solvents or any method of extraction

2860 that modifies the original composition of the plant for the purpose of  
2861 creating a manufacturer hemp product for commercial or research  
2862 purposes;

2863 (14) "Manufacturer" means a person in the state licensed by the  
2864 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to manufacture, handle, store  
2865 and market manufacturer hemp products pursuant to the provisions of  
2866 section 22-61m, as amended by this act, and any regulation adopted  
2867 pursuant to section 22-61m, as amended by this act;

2868 (15) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
2869 240, as amended by this act;

2870 (16) "Market" or "marketing" means promoting, distributing or  
2871 selling a hemp product within the state, in another state or outside of  
2872 the United States and includes efforts to advertise and gather  
2873 information about the needs or preferences of potential consumers or  
2874 suppliers;

2875 (17) "On-site manager" means the individual designated by the  
2876 producer license applicant or producer responsible for on-site  
2877 management and operations of a licensed producer;

2878 (18) "Pesticide" has the same meaning as "pesticide chemical" as  
2879 provided in section 21a-92;

2880 (19) "Lot" means a contiguous area in a field, greenhouse or indoor  
2881 growing structure containing the same variety or strain of hemp  
2882 throughout the area;

2883 (20) "Post-harvest sample" means a representative sample of the form  
2884 of hemp taken from the harvested hemp from a particular lot's harvest  
2885 that is collected in accordance with the procedures established by the  
2886 commissioner;

2887 (21) "Pre-harvest sample" means a composite, representative portion  
2888 from plants in a hemp lot, that is collected in accordance with the  
2889 procedures established by the commissioner;

2890 (22) "Produce" means to cultivate hemp or create any producer hemp  
2891 product;

2892 (23) "State plan" means a state plan, as described in the federal act and  
2893 as authorized pursuant to this section;

2894 (24) "THC" means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol;

2895 (25) "Controlled Substances Act" or "CSA" means the Controlled  
2896 Substances Act as codified in 21 USC 801 et seq.;

2897 (26) "Criminal history report" means the fingerprint-based state and  
2898 national criminal history record information obtained in accordance  
2899 with section 29-17a;

2900 (27) "Drug Enforcement Administration" or "DEA" means the United  
2901 States Drug Enforcement Administration;

2902 (28) "Farm service agency" or "FSA" means an agency of the United  
2903 States Department of Agriculture;

2904 (29) "Key participant" means a sole proprietor, a partner in  
2905 partnership or a person with executive managerial control in an entity,  
2906 including persons such as a chief executive officer, chief operating  
2907 officer and chief financial officer;

2908 (30) "Manufacturer hemp product" means a commodity  
2909 manufactured from the hemp plant, for commercial or research  
2910 purposes, that is intended for human ingestion, inhalation, absorption  
2911 or other internal consumption, that contains a THC concentration of not  
2912 more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per volume or weight of  
2913 such manufacturer hemp product;

2914 (31) "Producer" means an individual or entity licensed by the  
2915 commissioner to produce and market producer hemp products  
2916 pursuant to the federal act, the state plan, the provisions of this section  
2917 and the regulations adopted pursuant to this section;

2918 (32) "Producer hemp product" means any of the following produced  
2919 in this state: Raw hemp product, fiber-based hemp product or animal  
2920 hemp food product, and each of which contains a THC concentration of  
2921 not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per volume or weight  
2922 of such producer hemp product;

2923 (33) "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture;

2924 (34) "Entity" means a corporation, joint stock company, association,  
2925 limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability  
2926 company, irrevocable trust, estate, charitable organization or other  
2927 similar organization, including any such organization participating in  
2928 the hemp production as a partner in a general partnership, a participant  
2929 in a joint venture or a participant in a similar organization; and

2930 (35) "Homogenize" means to blend hemp into a mixture that has a  
2931 uniform quality and content throughout such mixture.

2932 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall establish and operate an  
2933 agricultural pilot program, as defined in 7 USC 5940, as amended from  
2934 time to time, for hemp research to enable the department, and its  
2935 licensees, to study methods of producing and marketing hemp. All  
2936 producer licensees licensed pursuant to this section shall be participants  
2937 in the state agricultural pilot program for hemp research. Until such  
2938 time as said commissioner adopts regulations, in accordance with the  
2939 provisions of chapter 54, the Department of Agriculture shall utilize  
2940 procedures and guidance policies that the commissioner deems to be  
2941 consistent with the provisions of 7 USC 5940, as amended from time to  
2942 time, provided such procedures and guidance policies shall, at a  
2943 minimum, require: (1) The commissioner to certify and register any site  
2944 used to grow hemp, (2) any person who produces hemp to produce  
2945 plants that meet the definition of hemp and verify such, (3) the  
2946 maintenance of records by any person who grows hemp and the  
2947 availability of inspection of such records by the commissioner, and (4)  
2948 verification of compliance with the definition of hemp by a laboratory,  
2949 at the expense of any licensee. The provisions of this section shall take

2950 precedence over any such procedure or guidance policy. Participants in  
2951 the state agricultural pilot program for hemp research shall be licensed  
2952 in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such pilot program  
2953 shall operate until the earlier of the date of a fully approved state plan  
2954 under the federal act, as described in this section, or the date of repeal  
2955 of the federal law permitting the state's agricultural pilot program for  
2956 hemp research.

2957 (c) (1) The commissioner shall prepare a state plan in accordance with  
2958 the federal act and 7 CFR 990.3, for approval by the Governor, in  
2959 consultation with the office of the Chief State's Attorney and the  
2960 Attorney General. The state plan, once approved by the Governor and  
2961 the Attorney General, shall be submitted by the commissioner to the  
2962 United States Secretary of Agriculture for [his or her] such secretary's  
2963 approval. The commissioner shall have the authority to amend the state  
2964 plan, in consultation with the Governor, the Attorney General and the  
2965 office of the Chief State's Attorney, as necessary to comply with the  
2966 federal act.

2967 (2) The commissioner shall operate the state plan, which shall  
2968 include, at a minimum, the following requirements:

2969 (A) The sampling of hemp shall comply, at a minimum, with 7 CFR  
2970 990.3 and be performed by an authorized sampling agent;

2971 (B) The testing of hemp shall comply, at a minimum, with 7 CFR  
2972 990.3;

2973 (C) The control, remediation and disposal of noncompliant cannabis  
2974 plants shall comply with 7 CFR 990.27 and 7 CFR 990.3;

2975 (D) The department shall comply with all recordkeeping and  
2976 reporting requirements in the federal act, and 7 CFR 990.1 to 7 CFR  
2977 990.71, inclusive;

2978 (E) The department shall comply with enforcement procedures in 7  
2979 CFR 990.6;



2980 (F) The department shall conduct annual inspections of, at a  
2981 minimum, a random sample of producers to verify that hemp is not  
2982 produced in violation of the federal act, the state plan and the provisions  
2983 of this section, and shall enforce any violation as provided for in the  
2984 federal act and as defined in 7 CFR 990.6;

2985 (G) Producers shall report their required license, lot and hemp crop  
2986 acreage information to FSA, in accordance with the requirements in 7  
2987 CFR 990.7; and

2988 (H) Producers shall report to the commissioner the total acreage of  
2989 hemp planted, harvested and, if applicable, disposed of or remediated,  
2990 and such other information as the commissioner may require.

2991 (3) All sampling and testing of hemp shall be done using protocols  
2992 that are at least as statistically valid as the USDA's published protocols  
2993 for sampling and testing of hemp, which protocols shall be posted on  
2994 the department's Internet web site. During a scheduled sample  
2995 collection, the producer, or an authorized representative of the  
2996 producer, shall be present at the lot. A producer shall not harvest the  
2997 cannabis crop prior to the taking of samples. Samples of hemp plant  
2998 material from one lot shall not be commingled with hemp plant material  
2999 from other lots. Lots tested and not certified by a laboratory at or below  
3000 the acceptable hemp THC level shall be handled, remediated and  
3001 disposed of in accordance with the federal act, the provisions of this  
3002 section and the state plan, as applicable.

3003 (4) The commissioner shall collect, maintain and provide to the  
3004 USDA, on a timely basis, and not less than once per month, license status  
3005 of each hemp producer, contact information for each hemp producer  
3006 licensed in the state, including lot legal descriptions and locations, and  
3007 any changes to such information. The commissioner shall also report to  
3008 the USDA, on a timely basis, and not less than once per month, all  
3009 required hemp test results and disposal information for all  
3010 nonconforming hemp plants and plant material. Such information shall  
3011 not include state and federal fingerprint-based records pursuant to

3012 section 29-17a.

3013 (d) The commissioner shall have the authority to enforce the federal  
3014 act, as amended from time to time, the state plan, this section and any  
3015 regulations adopted in accordance with the federal act and chapter 54  
3016 for hemp production in the state. The commissioner shall have the  
3017 authority to enforce the applicable standards for producer hemp  
3018 products. The commissioner may consult, collaborate and enter into  
3019 cooperative agreements with any federal or state agency, municipality  
3020 or political subdivision of the state concerning application of the  
3021 provisions of the federal act and the regulations adopted pursuant to the  
3022 federal act, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
3023 section.

3024 (e) Any person who produces hemp shall: (1) Be licensed by the  
3025 commissioner; (2) comply with the federal act, the state plan, the  
3026 provisions of this section and any regulation adopted pursuant to this  
3027 section; and (3) transport hemp and hemp samples in a manner and with  
3028 such documentation as required by the commissioner.

3029 (f) Any person who sells hemp products shall not be required to be  
3030 licensed provided such person only engages in: (1) The retail or  
3031 wholesale sale of hemp or hemp products in which no further  
3032 producing or manufacturing of the hemp products occurs and the hemp  
3033 products are acquired from a person authorized under the laws of this  
3034 state or another state, territory or possession of the United States or  
3035 another sovereign entity to possess and sell such hemp products; (2) the  
3036 acquisition of hemp or hemp products for the sole purpose of product  
3037 distribution for resale; or (3) the retail sale of hemp products that are  
3038 otherwise authorized under federal or state law.

3039 (g) Any applicant for a license pursuant to this section shall meet each  
3040 of the following requirements, as applicable:

3041 (1) Each applicant, whether an individual or an entity, shall submit  
3042 an application for a license that consists, at a minimum, of the following:

3043 (A) The name, telephone number, electronic mail address, business

3044 address and address of any individual who is the applicant, the full  
3045 name of any entity that is the applicant, including any applicable  
3046 principal business location and the full name, title and electronic mail  
3047 address of each key participant; (B) the name and address of each lot for  
3048 the hemp cultivation or producing location; (C) the geospatial location  
3049 of each lot by means of global positioning system coordinates and legal  
3050 description of each lot used for the hemp cultivation; (D) the acreage  
3051 size of each lot where the hemp will be cultivated; (E) written consent  
3052 allowing the commissioner to conduct both scheduled and random  
3053 inspections of and around the premises on which the hemp is to be  
3054 cultivated, harvested, stored and produced; (F) the applicant's employer  
3055 identification number or the applicant's Social Security number if an  
3056 employer identification number is not available; and (G) any other  
3057 information as may be required by the commissioner;

3058 (2) Each individual who is an applicant and each key participant of  
3059 any entity applying for a producer license, or renewal thereof, shall  
3060 submit to state and national fingerprint-based criminal history records  
3061 checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, at [his or her] such  
3062 individual's own expense;

3063 (3) No individual, including any key participant of any entity, who  
3064 has been convicted of any state or federal felony, related to a controlled  
3065 substance, shall be eligible to obtain or hold a producer license for ten  
3066 years from the date of the conviction, provided such restriction shall not  
3067 apply to any individual who lawfully grew hemp with a license,  
3068 registration or authorization under any state pilot program authorized  
3069 by section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 before December 20, 2018.  
3070 Any individual or entity that materially falsifies any information in an  
3071 application pursuant to this section shall be ineligible to obtain a  
3072 producer license; and

3073 (4) Each individual or entity who is required by this section to obtain  
3074 a producer license shall pay for all costs of sampling, testing, retesting  
3075 and resampling any samples at a laboratory for the purpose of  
3076 determining the THC concentration level of any cannabis under their

3077 control, or in their possession. Each individual or entity who is required  
3078 by this section to obtain a producer license shall pay for all costs of  
3079 disposal of all noncompliant cannabis plants under their control, or in  
3080 their possession.

3081 (h) Any producer license issued by the commissioner shall expire on  
3082 the third following December thirty-first and may be renewed during  
3083 the preceding month of October. Such licenses shall not be transferable.

3084 (i) The following fees shall apply for each producer license and  
3085 inspection:

3086 (1) A nonrefundable license application fee of fifty dollars, provided  
3087 any constituent unit of higher education, state agency or department  
3088 shall be exempt from such application fee if such production is for  
3089 research purposes;

3090 (2) A nonrefundable triennial producer license fee of four hundred  
3091 fifty dollars for up to one acre of planned hemp plantings and thirty  
3092 dollars per each additional acre of planned hemp plantings rounded to  
3093 the nearest acre, except no license fee charged shall exceed three  
3094 thousand dollars, provided any constituent unit of higher education,  
3095 state agency or department shall be exempt from such license fee if such  
3096 production is for research purposes; and

3097 (3) In the event that resampling by the commissioner is required due  
3098 to a test result that shows a violation of any provision of this section or  
3099 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section, the licensee shall pay  
3100 an inspection fee of fifty dollars. Such fee shall be paid prior to the  
3101 inspection and collection of the sample to be used for resampling.

3102 (j) After receipt and review of an application for producer licensure,  
3103 the commissioner may grant a triennial license upon a finding that the  
3104 applicant meets the applicable requirements. Each producer licensee  
3105 shall notify the commissioner of any changes to their application  
3106 information, not later than fifteen days after such change. While the  
3107 pilot program is in effect, the commissioner may grant a conditional

3108 approval of a producer license, pending receipt of the criminal history  
3109 records check required by this section. The commissioner shall assign  
3110 each producer with a license or authorization identifier in a format  
3111 consistent with 7 CFR 990.3.

3112 (k) Whenever an inspection or investigation conducted by the  
3113 commissioner pursuant to this title reveals any violation of the state  
3114 plan, this section or any regulation adopted thereunder, the producer  
3115 license applicant or respondent, as applicable, shall be notified, in  
3116 writing, of such violation and any corrective action to be taken and the  
3117 time period within which such corrective action shall be taken. Any such  
3118 producer license applicant or respondent may request a hearing,  
3119 conducted in accordance with chapter 54, on any such notification. Any  
3120 notification issued pursuant to this section shall be made by certified  
3121 mail, return receipt requested to the producer license applicant or  
3122 respondent's last known address, by in-hand service by the  
3123 commissioner or designated agent of the commissioner, electronic mail  
3124 service with the consent of the recipient, or by service in accordance  
3125 with chapter 896. The commissioner shall report all producer violations  
3126 made with a culpable mental state greater than negligence to the United  
3127 States Attorney General and the State's Attorney for the judicial district  
3128 in which the producer violation occurred.

3129 (l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the  
3130 commissioner's authority to issue a cease and desist order pursuant to  
3131 section 22-4d, or an emergency order, in order to respond to a condition  
3132 that may present a public health hazard, or issue orders necessary to  
3133 effectuate the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to,  
3134 orders for the embargo, partial destruction, destruction and release of  
3135 hemp or hemp products. Any cease and desist order or an emergency  
3136 order shall become effective upon service of such order by the  
3137 commissioner. Following service of any such order, subsequent  
3138 proceedings shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of section  
3139 22-4d and the rules of practice for such agency. Any embargo, partial  
3140 destruction, destruction or release order issued pursuant to this section  
3141 shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested to the

3142 respondent's last known address, by in-hand service by the  
3143 commissioner or designated agent of the commissioner, or by service in  
3144 accordance with chapter 896.

3145 (m) Following a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter 54,  
3146 the commissioner may impose an administrative civil penalty, not to  
3147 exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per violation, and suspend,  
3148 revoke or place conditions upon any producer licensee who violates the  
3149 provisions of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this  
3150 section.

3151 (n) (1) Any individual who produces hemp in this state without  
3152 obtaining a license pursuant to this section, or who produces hemp in  
3153 this state after having a license suspended or revoked shall have  
3154 committed an infraction.

3155 (2) Any entity that produces hemp in this state without obtaining a  
3156 license pursuant to this section, produces hemp in violation of this  
3157 section or produces hemp in this state after having a license suspended  
3158 or revoked may be fined not more than two thousand five hundred  
3159 dollars per violation, after a hearing conducted in accordance with  
3160 chapter 54.

3161 (o) (1) Any negligent violation, as described in the federal act, of this  
3162 section or the state plan shall be subject to enforcement in accordance  
3163 with the federal act, and the state plan for negligent violations.

3164 (2) For any negligent violation, a producer shall be required to correct  
3165 such negligent violation, by means of a corrective action plan approved  
3166 by the commissioner. Each corrective action plan shall include, at a  
3167 minimum, a reasonable completion deadline for correction of the  
3168 negligent violation, periodic reporting to the commissioner for at least  
3169 two years and compliance with the state plan.

3170 (3) Any producer that negligently violates the state plan shall not, as  
3171 a result of such negligent violation, be referred by the commissioner for  
3172 any criminal enforcement action by the federal, state or local

3173 government.

3174 (4) Any producer that negligently violates the state plan three times  
3175 during any five-year period shall be ineligible to produce hemp for a  
3176 period of five years beginning on the date of the third violation.

3177 (5) The commissioner shall conduct an inspection to determine if the  
3178 corrective action plan for a producer who commits any such negligent  
3179 violation was properly implemented.

3180 (p) Any person aggrieved by an order issued pursuant to this section  
3181 may appeal to the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of  
3182 chapter 54. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the commissioner  
3183 and received not later than fifteen days after the date of the order. If no  
3184 appeal is made pursuant to this subsection the order shall be final.

3185 (q) (1) All documents submitted under this section shall be subject to  
3186 disclosure in accordance with chapter 14, except: (A) Information  
3187 depicting or describing (i) the test results of any producer, (ii) the  
3188 location of any hemp growing, harvesting, processing or storage  
3189 location, or (iii) hemp producer location security schematics; and (B) the  
3190 results of any criminal history records check.

3191 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
3192 subsection, all documents and records submitted or maintained  
3193 pursuant to this section shall be disclosed to any law enforcement  
3194 agency upon request of such law enforcement agency.

3195 (r) The commissioner may inspect and shall have access to the  
3196 buildings, equipment, supplies, vehicles, records, real property and  
3197 other information that the commissioner deems necessary to carry out  
3198 the commissioner's duties pursuant to this section from any person  
3199 participating in producing, handling, storing, marketing or researching  
3200 hemp.

3201 (s) All licensees pursuant to this section shall maintain records  
3202 required by the federal act, the state plan, this section and any regulation

3203 adopted pursuant to this section. Each licensee shall make such records  
3204 available to the department immediately upon request of the  
3205 commissioner and in electronic format, if available.

3206 (t) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
3207 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section  
3208 including, but not limited to, the labeling of producer hemp products.

3209 [(u) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes: (1)  
3210 Marijuana does not include hemp or hemp products; (2) THC that does  
3211 not exceed 0.3 per cent by dry weight and that is found in hemp shall  
3212 not be considered to be THC that constitutes a controlled substance; (3)  
3213 hemp-derived cannabidiols, including CBD, shall not constitute  
3214 controlled substances or adulterants solely on the basis of containing  
3215 CBD; and (4) hemp products that contain one or more hemp-derived  
3216 cannabidiols, such as CBD, intended for ingestion shall be considered  
3217 foods, not controlled substances or adulterated products solely on the  
3218 basis of the containing hemp-derived cannabidiols.]

3219 [(v)] (u) Whenever the commissioner believes or has reasonable cause  
3220 to believe that the actions of a licensee or any employee of a producer  
3221 licensee are in violation of the federal act, the state plan, or any state law  
3222 concerning the growing, cultivation, handling, transporting or  
3223 possession of marijuana, the commissioner shall notify the Department  
3224 of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Division of State  
3225 Police.

3226 Sec. 47. Section 22-61m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3227 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3228 (a) No person shall manufacture in the state without a license to  
3229 manufacture issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

3230 (b) Each applicant for a manufacturer license shall submit an  
3231 application on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner  
3232 of Consumer Protection.



- 3233 (c) The following fees shall apply for a license to manufacture:
- 3234 (1) A nonrefundable license application fee of seventy-five dollars;  
3235 and
- 3236 (2) A nonrefundable licensing fee of three hundred seventy-five  
3237 dollars for a license to manufacture hemp.
- 3238 (d) A license to manufacture issued by the Commissioner of  
3239 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section shall expire triennially on  
3240 June thirtieth. Such licenses shall not be transferable.
- 3241 (e) In accordance with a hearing held pursuant to chapter 54, the  
3242 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may deny, suspend or revoke a  
3243 manufacturer license, issue fines of not more than two thousand five  
3244 hundred dollars per violation and place conditions upon a  
3245 manufacturer licensee who violates the provisions of this section and  
3246 any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.
- 3247 (f) (1) Any individual who manufactures in this state without  
3248 obtaining a license pursuant to this section or who manufactures in this  
3249 state after such entity's license is suspended or revoked shall be fined  
3250 two hundred fifty dollars in accordance with the provisions of section  
3251 51-164n.
- 3252 (2) Any entity who manufactures in this state without obtaining a  
3253 license pursuant to this section, or who manufactures in this state after  
3254 having a license suspended, shall be fined not more than two thousand  
3255 five hundred dollars per violation after a hearing conducted in  
3256 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
- 3257 (g) Nothing in this chapter or any regulations adopted pursuant to  
3258 this chapter shall be construed to apply to persons licensed pursuant to  
3259 section 21a-408i nor to require persons licensed pursuant to said section  
3260 to obtain a license pursuant to this chapter.
- 3261 (h) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may inspect and shall  
3262 have access to the buildings, equipment, supplies, vehicles, records, real

3263 property and other information of any manufacturer applicant or  
3264 licensee that the commissioner deems necessary to carry out the  
3265 commissioner's duties pursuant to this section.

3266 (i) (1) Each manufacturer shall follow the protocol in this subsection  
3267 for disposing of cannabis in the event that any hemp or hemp product  
3268 is deemed to exceed the prescribed THC concentration, as determined  
3269 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or a manufacturer  
3270 licensee in possession of hemp or hemp products who desires to dispose  
3271 of obsolete, misbranded, excess or otherwise undesired product. Each  
3272 manufacturer licensee shall be responsible for all costs of disposal of  
3273 hemp samples and any hemp produced by such licensee that violates  
3274 the provisions of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this  
3275 section. Any cannabis that exceeds the prescribed THC concentration  
3276 allowable in hemp or hemp products shall be immediately embargoed  
3277 by such manufacturer and clearly labeled as adulterated by such  
3278 licensee and such licensee shall immediately notify both the Department  
3279 of Consumer Protection and the Department of Agriculture, in writing,  
3280 of such adulterated product. Such adulterated product shall be  
3281 destroyed and disposed of by the following method, as determined by  
3282 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

3283 (A) Surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or hemp product  
3284 to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection who shall be responsible  
3285 for the destruction and disposal of such adulterated product; or

3286 (B) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
3287 Consumer Protection.

3288 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
3289 subsection, upon written request of a manufacturer, the Commissioner  
3290 of Consumer Protection may permit such manufacturer to combine  
3291 different batches of raw hemp plant material to achieve a THC  
3292 concentration of 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, in lieu of embargo  
3293 or destruction.

3294 (j) The manufacturer or manufacturer's authorized designee

3295 disposing of the hemp or hemp products shall maintain and make  
3296 available to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection a record of each  
3297 such disposal or destruction of product indicating:

3298 (1) The date, time and location of disposal or destruction;

3299 (2) The manner of disposal or destruction;

3300 (3) The batch or lot information and quantity of hemp or hemp  
3301 product disposed of or destroyed; and

3302 (4) The signatures of the persons disposing of the hemp or hemp  
3303 products, the authorized representative of the Commissioner of  
3304 Consumer Protection and any other persons present during the  
3305 disposal.

3306 (k) Any hemp intended to be manufactured by a manufacturer into a  
3307 manufacturer hemp product shall be tested by an independent testing  
3308 laboratory located in this state. A manufacturer licensee shall make  
3309 available samples, in an amount and type determined by the  
3310 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of hemp for an independent  
3311 testing laboratory employee to select random samples. The independent  
3312 testing laboratory shall test each sample [for microbiological  
3313 contaminants, mycotoxins, heavy metals and pesticide chemical  
3314 residue, and for purposes of conducting an active ingredient analysis, if  
3315 applicable, as determined by the Commissioner of Consumer  
3316 Protection] in accordance with the laboratory testing standards  
3317 established in policies, procedures and regulations adopted by the  
3318 commissioner pursuant to section 21a-421j, as amended by this act.

3319 (l) Once a batch of hemp, intended to be sold as a manufacturer hemp  
3320 product, has been homogenized for sample testing and eventual  
3321 packaging and sale, until the independent testing laboratory provides  
3322 the results from its tests and analysis, the manufacturer [licensee] shall  
3323 segregate and withhold from use the entire batch of hemp that is  
3324 intended for use as a manufacturer hemp product, except the samples  
3325 that have been removed by the independent testing laboratory for

3326 testing. During this period of segregation, the manufacturer licensee  
3327 shall maintain the hemp batch in a secure, cool and dry location, as  
3328 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, so as to  
3329 prevent the hemp from becoming adulterated. Such manufacturer shall  
3330 not manufacture or sell a manufacturer hemp product prior to the time  
3331 that the independent testing laboratory completes testing and analysis  
3332 and provides such results, in writing, to the manufacturer licensee who  
3333 initiated such testing.

3334 (m) An independent testing laboratory shall immediately return or  
3335 dispose of any hemp or manufacturer hemp product upon the  
3336 completion of any testing, use or research. If an independent testing  
3337 laboratory disposes of hemp or manufacturer hemp products, the  
3338 laboratory shall dispose of such hemp in the following manner, as  
3339 determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

3340 (1) By surrender, without compensation, of such hemp or  
3341 manufacturer hemp product to the Commissioner of Consumer  
3342 Protection who shall be responsible for the destruction and disposal of  
3343 such hemp or hemp product; or

3344 (2) By disposal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
3345 Consumer Protection.

3346 (n) If a sample does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy  
3347 metal or pesticide chemical residue test, based on the laboratory testing  
3348 standards [prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
3349 and published on the Internet web site of the Department of Consumer  
3350 Protection] established in policies, procedures and regulations adopted  
3351 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-  
3352 421j, as amended by this act, the manufacturer licensee who sent such  
3353 batch for testing shall:

3354 (1) Retest and reanalyze the hemp from which the sample was taken  
3355 by having an employee from the same laboratory randomly select  
3356 another sample from the same hemp batch. If the sample used to retest  
3357 or reanalyze such hemp yields satisfactory results for all testing

3358 required under this section, an employee from a different laboratory  
3359 shall randomly select a different sample from the same hemp batch for  
3360 testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results for all testing required  
3361 under this section, the hemp batch from which the samples were taken  
3362 shall be released for manufacturing, processing and sale;

3363 (2) If a remediation plan sufficient to ensure public health and safety  
3364 is submitted to and approved by the commissioner, remediate the hemp  
3365 batch from which the sample was taken and have a laboratory employee  
3366 randomly select a sample from such remediated hemp batch for testing.  
3367 If such randomly selected sample yields satisfactory results for any  
3368 testing required under this section, an employee from a different  
3369 laboratory shall randomly select a different sample from the same hemp  
3370 batch for testing. If both samples yield satisfactory results for all testing  
3371 required under this section, the hemp batch from which the samples  
3372 were taken may be released for manufacturing, processing or sale; or

3373 (3) If the manufacturer does not retest or remediate, or if any  
3374 subsequent laboratory testing does not yield satisfactory results for any  
3375 testing required under this section, dispose of the entire batch from  
3376 which the sample was taken in accordance with procedures established  
3377 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to subdivision  
3378 (1) of subsection (i) of this section.

3379 (o) If a sample passes the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy metal  
3380 and pesticide chemical residue test, the independent testing laboratory  
3381 shall release the entire batch for manufacturing, processing or sale.

3382 (p) The independent testing laboratory shall file with the Department  
3383 of Consumer Protection an electronic copy of each laboratory test result  
3384 for any batch that does not pass the microbiological, mycotoxin, heavy  
3385 metal or pesticide chemical residue test, at the same time that it  
3386 transmits such results to the manufacturer licensee who requested such  
3387 testing. Each independent testing laboratory shall maintain the test  
3388 results of each tested batch for a period of three years and shall make  
3389 such results available to the Department of Consumer Protection upon

3390 request.

3391 (q) [Manufacturer licensees] Manufacturers shall maintain records  
3392 required by the federal act, this section, [and] any regulation adopted  
3393 pursuant to this section and the policies, procedures and regulations  
3394 adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to  
3395 section 21a-421j, as amended by this act. Each manufacturer [licensee]  
3396 shall make such records available to the Department of Consumer  
3397 Protection immediately upon request and in electronic format, if  
3398 available.

3399 (r) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
3400 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
3401 implement the provisions of this section including, but not limited to,  
3402 establishing sampling and testing procedures to ensure compliance  
3403 with this section, prescribing storage and disposal procedures for hemp,  
3404 marijuana and manufacturer hemp products that fail to pass  
3405 Department of Consumer Protection prescribed independent testing  
3406 laboratory testing standards and establishing advertising and labeling  
3407 requirements for manufacturer hemp products.

3408 (s) Any claim of health impacts, medical effects or physical or mental  
3409 benefits shall be prohibited on any advertising for, labeling of or  
3410 marketing of manufacturer hemp products regardless of whether such  
3411 manufacturer hemp products were manufactured in this state or  
3412 another jurisdiction. Any violation of this subsection shall be deemed an  
3413 unfair or deceptive trade practice under [chapter 735a] subsection (a) of  
3414 section 42-110b.

3415 (t) Not later than February 1, 2020, the Commissioners of Agriculture  
3416 and Consumer Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with  
3417 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the general assembly  
3418 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status  
3419 of the pilot program, the development of the state plan and any  
3420 regulations for such pilot program or state plan. [Additionally such]  
3421 Such report shall also include any legislative recommendations,

3422 including, but not limited to, any recommendations for requiring the  
3423 registration of any manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this  
3424 state.

3425 (u) (1) Any person who sells manufacturer hemp products shall not  
3426 be required to be licensed, provided such person only engages in: [(1)]  
3427 (A) The retail or wholesale sale of manufacturer hemp products in  
3428 which no further manufacturing of hemp occurs, provided such  
3429 manufacturer hemp products are acquired from a person authorized to  
3430 manufacture the manufacturer hemp products under the laws of this  
3431 state or another state, territory or possession of the United States or  
3432 another sovereign entity; [(2)] (B) the acquisition of manufacturer hemp  
3433 products for the sole purpose of product distribution for resale; [or (3)]  
3434 and (C) the retail sale of manufacturer hemp products that is [otherwise]  
3435 authorized under federal or state law.

3436 (2) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or Commissioner of  
3437 Revenue Services may, pursuant to section 4-182, summarily suspend  
3438 any credential the Department of Consumer Protection or Department  
3439 of Revenue Services issued to any person who sells manufacturer hemp  
3440 products in violation of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subsections  
3441 (v) to (y), inclusive, of this section.

3442 (v) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state, or to  
3443 a consumer in this state, shall contain any synthetic cannabinoid, as  
3444 defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

3445 (w) No manufacturer hemp product offered for sale in this state, or  
3446 to a consumer in this state, shall be packaged, presented or advertised  
3447 in a manner that is likely to mislead a consumer by incorporating any  
3448 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other  
3449 depiction that: (1) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or  
3450 characteristic packaging of (A) cannabis offered for sale (i) in this state  
3451 by a cannabis establishment licensed in this state, or (ii) on tribal land  
3452 by a tribal-credentialed cannabis entity, or (B) a commercially available  
3453 product other than a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420, as

3454 amended by this act; or (2) implies that the manufacturer hemp product  
3455 (A) is a cannabis product, as defined in section 21a-420, as amended by  
3456 this act, (B) contains a total THC concentration greater than three-tenths  
3457 per cent on a dry-weight basis, or (C) is a high-THC hemp product, as  
3458 defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this act.

3459 (x) No manufacturer hemp product that is a food, beverage, oil or  
3460 other product intended for human ingestion shall be distributed or sold  
3461 in this state unless such product is contained within a package, or a label  
3462 is affixed to such package, that includes:

3463 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response  
3464 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form product  
3465 batch by an independent testing laboratory and discloses:

3466 (A) The name of such product;

3467 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's  
3468 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;

3469 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such  
3470 package or label; and

3471 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such product,  
3472 including, but not limited to, total THC and any cannabinoids or active  
3473 ingredients comprising at least one per cent of such product;

3474 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable;

3475 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing that:

3476 (A) Children, or those who are pregnant or breastfeeding, should  
3477 avoid using such product prior to consulting with a health care  
3478 professional concerning such product's safety;

3479 (B) Products containing cannabinoids should be kept out of reach of  
3480 children; and

3481 (C) The federal Food and Drug Administration has not evaluated



3482 such product for safety or efficacy; and

3483 (4) If such product is intended to be inhaled, a clear and conspicuous  
3484 warning statement disclosing that smoking or vaporizing is hazardous  
3485 to human health.

3486 (y) No manufacturer hemp product that is a topical, soap or cosmetic,  
3487 as defined in section 21a-92, shall be distributed or sold in this state  
3488 unless such product is contained within a package, or a label is affixed  
3489 to such package, that includes:

3490 (1) A scannable barcode, Internet web site address or quick response  
3491 code that is linked to the certificate of analysis of the final form extract  
3492 or final form product batch by an independent testing laboratory and  
3493 discloses:

3494 (A) The name of such product;

3495 (B) The name, address and telephone number of such product's  
3496 manufacturer, packer and distributor, as applicable;

3497 (C) The batch number, which shall match the batch number on such  
3498 package or label; and

3499 (D) The concentration of cannabinoids present in such batch,  
3500 including, but not limited to, total THC and any marketed cannabinoids;

3501 (2) The expiration or best by date for such product, if applicable; and

3502 (3) A clear and conspicuous statement disclosing the following:

3503 "THE FDA HAS NOT EVALUATED THIS PRODUCT FOR SAFETY  
3504 OR EFFICACY."

3505 (z) Any violation of subsections (u) to (y), inclusive, of this section  
3506 shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection  
3507 (a) of section 42-110b.

3508 (aa) Not later than October 31, 2023, the Department of Emergency

3509 Services and Public Protection shall, in consultation with the  
3510 Department of Consumer Protection, publish a training bulletin to  
3511 inform local law enforcement agencies and officers regarding the  
3512 investigation and enforcement standards concerning cannabis and high-  
3513 THC hemp products.

3514 [(v)] (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes: (1)  
3515 [Marijuana does not include manufacturer hemp products; (2)] CBD  
3516 that is found in manufacturer hemp products shall not be considered a  
3517 controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this  
3518 act, or legend drug, as defined in section 20-571; and [(3) cannabinoids]  
3519 (2) CBD derived from hemp and contained in manufacturer hemp  
3520 products shall not be considered [controlled substances or adulterants]  
3521 a controlled substance or adulterant.

3522 Sec. 48. Section 7-294m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3523 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3524 [(1)] (a) The Police Officer Standards and Training Council  
3525 established under section 7-294b, in conjunction with the office of the  
3526 Chief State's Attorney and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association,  
3527 and [(2)] the Division of State Police within the Department of  
3528 Emergency Services and Public Protection, in conjunction with the office  
3529 of the Chief State's Attorney, shall provide instruction on the subject of  
3530 new legal developments which affect police policies and practices  
3531 concerning the investigation, detection and prosecution of criminal  
3532 matters, each year to the chief law enforcement officer of each  
3533 municipality and any person designated by such officer to serve in such  
3534 capacity in such officer's absence. Each such officer may be given credit  
3535 for such course of instruction toward the certified review training  
3536 required by subsection (a) of section 7-294d. Such training program shall  
3537 be named "The John M. Bailey Seminar on New Legal Developments  
3538 Impacting Police Policies and Practices".

3539 (b) Not later than October 31, 2023, and annually thereafter if  
3540 necessary, the Division of Criminal Justice and the Police Officer

3541 Standards and Training Council established under section 7-294b shall  
3542 include in each course of instruction provided pursuant to subsection  
3543 (a) of this section a session regarding investigation and enforcement  
3544 standards concerning cannabis, as defined in section 22-61l, as amended  
3545 by this act, and high-THC hemp products, as defined in section 21a-240,  
3546 as amended by this act.

3547       Sec. 49. Section 38a-492 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3548 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3549       No individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type  
3550 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10) and (11) of section 38a-469  
3551 shall be delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state, or  
3552 amended to substantially alter or change benefits or coverage, on or  
3553 after July 1, 1975, unless persons covered under such policy will be  
3554 eligible for benefits for expenses of emergency medical care arising from  
3555 accidental ingestion or consumption of a controlled drug, as defined by  
3556 [subdivision (8) of] section 21a-240, as amended by this act, which are at  
3557 least equal to the following minimum requirements: (1) In the case of  
3558 benefits based upon confinement as an inpatient in a hospital, whether  
3559 or not operated by the state, the period of confinement for which  
3560 benefits shall be payable shall be at least thirty days in any calendar  
3561 year. (2) For covered expenses incurred by the insured while other than  
3562 an inpatient in a hospital, benefits shall be available for such expenses  
3563 during any calendar year up to a maximum of five hundred dollars. For  
3564 purposes of this section, the term "covered expenses" means the  
3565 reasonable charges for treatment deemed necessary under generally  
3566 accepted medical standards.

3567       Sec. 50. Section 38a-518 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3568 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3569       No group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type  
3570 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6) and (11) of section 38a-469 shall  
3571 be delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state, or amended to  
3572 substantially alter or change benefits or coverage, on or after July 1, 1975,

3573 unless persons covered under such policy will be eligible for benefits for  
3574 expenses of emergency medical care arising from accidental ingestion  
3575 or consumption of a controlled drug, as defined by [subdivision (8) of]  
3576 section 21a-240, as amended by this act, which are at least equal to the  
3577 following minimum requirements: (1) In the case of benefits based upon  
3578 confinement as an inpatient in a hospital, whether or not operated by  
3579 the state, the period of confinement for which benefits shall be payable  
3580 shall be at least thirty days in any calendar year. (2) For covered  
3581 expenses incurred by the insured while other than an inpatient in a  
3582 hospital, benefits shall be available for such expenses during any  
3583 calendar year up to a maximum of five hundred dollars. For purposes  
3584 of this section, the term "covered expenses" means the reasonable  
3585 charges for treatment deemed necessary under generally accepted  
3586 medical standards.

3587 Sec. 51. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this  
3588 section:

3589 (1) "Caregiver" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-408  
3590 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

3591 (2) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240  
3592 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

3593 (3) "Palliative use" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-  
3594 408 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

3595 (4) "Qualifying patient" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3596 21a-408 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

3597 (b) There is established, within available appropriations, an Office of  
3598 the Cannabis Ombudsman, which shall be within the Office of the  
3599 Healthcare Advocate for administrative purposes only. The Office of the  
3600 Cannabis Ombudsman shall be under the direction of a Cannabis  
3601 Ombudsman. The Healthcare Advocate shall appoint an individual  
3602 who is familiar with the palliative use of marijuana and the medical  
3603 cannabis system to serve as the Cannabis Ombudsman.

- 3604 (c) The Office of the Cannabis Ombudsman shall:
- 3605 (1) Represent the interests of qualifying patients and caregivers;
- 3606 (2) Identify, investigate and resolve complaints made by, or on behalf  
3607 of, qualifying patients and caregivers;
- 3608 (3) Monitor the palliative use of marijuana as authorized under  
3609 chapter 420f of the general statutes;
- 3610 (4) Report action, inaction or decisions that may adversely affect the  
3611 health, safety, welfare or rights of qualifying patients;
- 3612 (5) Analyze, comment on and monitor the development and  
3613 implementation of federal, state and local laws, regulations and other  
3614 government policies and actions concerning the health, safety, welfare  
3615 and rights of qualifying patients and caregivers;
- 3616 (6) Recommend any changes to the laws, regulations, policies and  
3617 actions described in subdivision (5) of this subsection that the office  
3618 deems appropriate to, among other things, improve the palliative  
3619 marijuana market in this state; and
- 3620 (7) Facilitate public comment on the laws, regulations, policies and  
3621 actions described in subdivision (5) of this subsection.

3622 Sec. 52. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 53a-18 of the  
3623 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3624 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

- 3625 (6) A teacher or other person entrusted with the care and supervision  
3626 of a minor for school purposes may use reasonable physical force upon  
3627 such minor when and to the extent such teacher or other person  
3628 reasonably believes such force to be necessary to (A) protect [himself or  
3629 herself] such teacher, other person or others from immediate physical  
3630 injury, (B) obtain possession of a dangerous instrument or controlled  
3631 substance, as defined in [subdivision (9) of] section 21a-240, as amended  
3632 by this act, upon or within the control of such minor, (C) protect

3633 property from physical damage, or (D) restrain such minor or remove  
3634 such minor to another area, to maintain order.

3635 Sec. 53. Subsections (c) to (g), inclusive, of section 54-36a of the  
3636 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3637 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3638 (c) Unless such seized property is stolen property and is ordered  
3639 returned pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or unless such seized  
3640 property is adjudicated a nuisance in accordance with section 54-33g, or  
3641 unless the court finds that such property shall be forfeited or is  
3642 contraband, or finds that such property is a controlled drug [ , a ] or  
3643 controlled substance as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by this  
3644 act, or drug paraphernalia as defined in subdivision [(8), (9) or] (20) of  
3645 section 21a-240, as amended by this act, it shall, at the final disposition  
3646 of the criminal action or as soon thereafter as is practical, or, if there is  
3647 no criminal action, at any time upon motion of the prosecuting official  
3648 of such court, order the return of such property to its owner within six  
3649 months upon proper claim therefor.

3650 (d) When the court orders the return of the seized property to the  
3651 owner, the order shall provide that if the seized property is not claimed  
3652 by the owner within six months, the property shall be destroyed or be  
3653 given to a charitable or educational institution or to a governmental  
3654 agency or institution, except that (1) if such property is money it shall  
3655 be remitted to the state and shall be deposited in the General Fund or  
3656 (2) if such property is a valuable prize it shall be disposed of by public  
3657 auction or private sale in which case the proceeds shall become the  
3658 property of the state and shall be deposited in the General Fund;  
3659 provided any person who has a bona fide mortgage, assignment of lease  
3660 or rent, lien or security interest in such property shall have the same  
3661 right to the proceeds as [he] such person had in the property prior to the  
3662 sale.

3663 (e) If such seized property is adjudicated a nuisance or if the court  
3664 finds that such property shall be forfeited or is contraband other than a

3665 controlled drug [, a] or controlled substance as defined in section 21a-  
3666 240, as amended by this act, or drug paraphernalia as defined in  
3667 subdivision [(8), (9) or] (20) of section 21a-240, as amended by this act,  
3668 the court shall order that such property be destroyed or be given to a  
3669 charitable or educational institution or to a governmental agency or  
3670 institution, except that (1) if such property is money, the court shall  
3671 order that it be remitted to the state and be deposited in the General  
3672 Fund, or (2) if such property is a valuable prize, the court shall order  
3673 that it be disposed of by public auction or private sale in which case the  
3674 proceeds shall become the property of the state and shall be deposited  
3675 in the General Fund; provided any person who has a bona fide  
3676 mortgage, assignment of lease or rent, lien or security interest in such  
3677 property shall have the same right to the proceeds as [he] such person  
3678 had in the property prior to sale.

3679 (f) If the court finds that such seized property is fireworks as defined  
3680 in section 29-356, the court shall order the forfeiture and destruction of  
3681 such property. Any secondary evidence of the identity, description or  
3682 value of such property shall be admissible in evidence against the  
3683 defendant in the trial of the case. A photograph of the fireworks and a  
3684 sworn affidavit describing such fireworks shall be sufficient evidence of  
3685 the identity of the fireworks. The fact that the evidence is secondary in  
3686 nature may be shown to affect the weight of such evidence, but not to  
3687 affect its admissibility.

3688 (g) If the court finds that such seized property is a controlled drug [, a]  
3689 or controlled substance as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by  
3690 this act, or drug paraphernalia as defined in subdivision [(8), (9) or] (20)  
3691 of section 21a-240, as amended by this act, the court shall order the  
3692 forfeiture and destruction of such property or order it delivered to the  
3693 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 54-36g, as  
3694 amended by this act.

3695 Sec. 54. Subsection (a) of section 54-36g of the general statutes is  
3696 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3697 *2023*):

3698 (a) At any time after the seizure of a controlled drug or a controlled  
3699 substance [,] as defined in [subdivision (8) or (9) of] section 21a-240, as  
3700 amended by this act, or drug paraphernalia [,] as defined in subdivision  
3701 (20) of section 21a-240, as amended by this act, in connection with a  
3702 criminal arrest or pursuant to a search warrant without an arrest, the  
3703 prosecuting official of the court for the geographical area in which the  
3704 criminal offense is alleged to have been committed may petition the  
3705 court for destruction of such controlled drug, controlled substance or  
3706 drug paraphernalia. After notice, by certified or registered mail to the  
3707 defendant and [his] the defendant's attorney, and hearing on the  
3708 petition, the court may order the forfeiture and destruction of such  
3709 controlled drug, controlled substance or drug paraphernalia, under  
3710 procedures and to the extent determined by the court, or order it  
3711 delivered to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection as soon as  
3712 possible. Such order shall be in writing and shall provide for the analysis  
3713 of representative samples of such controlled drug, controlled substance  
3714 or drug paraphernalia. The results of such analysis shall be recorded on  
3715 a certificate signed by the person making the analysis, witnessed and  
3716 acknowledged pursuant to section 1-29. Such certificate shall be prima  
3717 facie evidence of the composition and quality of such controlled drug,  
3718 controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.

3719 Sec. 55. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 54-36h of the  
3720 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3721 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3722 (1) All moneys used, or intended for use, in the procurement,  
3723 manufacture, compounding, processing, delivery or distribution of any  
3724 controlled substance, as defined in [subdivision (9) of] section 21a-240,  
3725 as amended by this act;

3726 Sec. 56. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
3727 study the potential health, safety and financial impact of allowing  
3728 individuals who are authorized to cultivate cannabis in their residences  
3729 to sell, at retail, such cannabis at events organized, at least in part, to  
3730 facilitate such sales. The task force shall (1) examine the impact that such



3731 sales would likely have on this state, including, but not limited to, the  
3732 impact that such sales would likely have on residents of this state and  
3733 the state's existing medical and recreational cannabis markets, and (2) if  
3734 the task force recommends that the state authorize such sales,  
3735 recommend any legislation necessary to authorize and regulate such  
3736 sales.

3737 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

3738 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

3739 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

3740 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
3741 Representatives;

3742 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

3743 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
3744 Representatives;

3745 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

3746 (7) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's  
3747 designee;

3748 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
3749 designee;

3750 (9) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or  
3751 the commissioner's designee; and

3752 (10) Two appointed by the Governor.

3753 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
3754 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
3755 of the General Assembly.

3756 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later

3757 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
 3758 be filled by the appointing authority.

3759 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
 3760 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
 3761 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
 3762 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
 3763 days after the effective date of this section.

3764 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
 3765 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer  
 3766 protection shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

3767 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report  
 3768 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
 3769 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 3770 consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
 3771 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
 3772 submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	21a-240
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	10-19(a)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2023	10-220a(a)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2023	10-221(e)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2023	10-233d(a) to (e)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2023	10a-18
Sec. 7	July 1, 2023	10a-55c(a)(4)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2023	20-34(b)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2023	21a-245
Sec. 10	July 1, 2023	21a-248(a)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2023	21a-267(a)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2023	21a-279(c)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2023	21a-281
Sec. 14	July 1, 2023	21a-408
Sec. 15	July 1, 2023	21a-408b(a)
Sec. 16	July 1, 2023	21a-408h

Sec. 17	July 1, 2023	21a-408j(a)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2023	21a-408k
Sec. 19	July 1, 2023	21a-408r(a) to (d)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2023	21a-408s
Sec. 21	July 1, 2023	21a-408u
Sec. 22	July 1, 2023	21a-420
Sec. 23	July 1, 2023	New section
Sec. 24	July 1, 2023	21a-420d(i) to (k)
Sec. 25	from passage	21a-420e
Sec. 26	July 1, 2023	21a-420e(c)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2023	21a-420f(d)
Sec. 28	from passage	21a-420g
Sec. 29	from passage	21a-420j(e)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2023	21a-420l(d)
Sec. 31	July 1, 2023	21a-420m(b) to (f)
Sec. 32	July 1, 2023	21a-420n(d)
Sec. 33	July 1, 2023	21a-420p(e)
Sec. 34	July 1, 2023	21a-420r(b)
Sec. 35	July 1, 2023	21a-420s(b)
Sec. 36	July 1, 2023	21a-420u(b) to (f)
Sec. 37	July 1, 2023	21a-420w(d)
Sec. 38	July 1, 2023	21a-420x
Sec. 39	July 1, 2023	21a-420y(b)
Sec. 40	July 1, 2023	21a-420z
Sec. 41	July 1, 2023	21a-421a(a)
Sec. 42	July 1, 2023	21a-421b
Sec. 43	July 1, 2023	21a-421j
Sec. 44	July 1, 2023	21a-421p
Sec. 45	July 1, 2023	21a-421bb(a) to (d)
Sec. 46	July 1, 2023	22-61l
Sec. 47	July 1, 2023	22-61m
Sec. 48	July 1, 2023	7-294m
Sec. 49	July 1, 2023	38a-492
Sec. 50	July 1, 2023	38a-518
Sec. 51	from passage	New section
Sec. 52	July 1, 2023	53a-18(a)(6)
Sec. 53	July 1, 2023	54-36a(c) to (g)
Sec. 54	July 1, 2023	54-36g(a)
Sec. 55	July 1, 2023	54-36h(a)(1)
Sec. 56	from passage	New section

