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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:

REP. CANDELORA V., 86th Dist.

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CANNABIS.

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Establish a cap on the
- 2 amount of tetrahydrocannabinol present in a single serving, and require
- 3 disclosure of the concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol present in each
- 4 serving and a description of its potency; (2) require that a label be placed
- 5 on the package of each consumer product containing
- 6 tetrahydrocannabinol disclosing that such product may be addictive,
- 7 lead to birth defects or cause psychosis; (3) provide that no licensed
- 8 gasoline dealer shall sell any product containing any form of
- 9 tetrahydrocannabinol; (4) suspend retail cannabis sales until the drug
- 10 recognition expert certification program is operational; (5) require that
- 11 each cannabis retailer employ a certified budtender and that such
- 12 budtender be present at such retailer during operating hours; (6)
- 13 prohibit cannabis consumption in locations where alcohol consumption

14 is prohibited; (7) repeal certain restrictions on cannabis-related stops
15 and searches of persons and motor vehicles; (8) specify that "imminent
16 risk of serious harm" includes a situation in which a parent or guardian
17 visibly under the influence of cannabis drives to a school or day care
18 facility to pick up their child and attempts to leave with the child; (9)
19 require that each applicant for a motor vehicle operator license who is
20 younger than eighteen years of age complete a course concerning the
21 effects of cannabis and its impact on an individual's ability to operate a
22 motor vehicle; (10) prohibit sales of edible cannabis products; (11)
23 require that cannabis products be sold in child-proof containers; (12)
24 require the Department of Consumer Protection to (A) review and
25 approve each cannabis product type and its dosage, (B) review cannabis
26 tracking procedures in retail establishments and pharmacies, and (C)
27 designate cannabis as a Schedule II controlled substance; and (13)
28 specify that secondhand cannabis smoke is toxic to human health.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for greater parity between the state's regulation of cannabis and its regulation of other regulated substances.