

## General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6539

January Session, 2021



## AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE USE OF KRATOM IN CONNECTICUT.

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

- Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "kratom" means the leaves of the tree species mitragyna speciosa in any form that may be inhaled, ingested or injected into the human body.
- 4 (b) The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the 5 Department of Consumer Protection, the Department of Mental Health 6 and Addiction Services and the Division of Criminal Justice, shall 7 conduct a study of the use of kratom in this state. Such study shall 8 include, but need not be limited to, (1) an estimation of (A) the total use 9 of kratom across the population, (B) the number of persons under the 10 age of twenty-one who are using or have used kratom, and (C) the rate 11 of addiction to or dependency on kratom by persons who use kratom; 12 (2) a description of the method of consumption or use of kratom, 13 including the various ways in which kratom is being inhaled, ingested 14 or injected, the form of such kratom when being consumed or used, and 15 a breakdown by percentage of such consumption or use; (3) an 16 examination and description of any bona fide medicinal or palliative 17 uses for kratom; and (4) the feasibility and estimated efficacy of a 18 prohibition on (A) the sale or possession of kratom on all persons, (B)

- the sale of kratom to persons under the age of twenty-one, and (C) the possession of kratom by persons under the age of twenty-one.
  - (c) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Division of Criminal Justice, the Office of the Chief Public Defender and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
- 27 Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) Not later than February 1, 2022, the 28 Division of Criminal Justice, in collaboration with the Office of the Chief 29 Public Defender, shall submit recommendations concerning revisions to 30 the general statutes relating to the civil and criminal penalties for the 31 sale of kratom to persons under the age of twenty-one or the possession 32 of kratom by persons under the age of twenty-one that would serve as 33 a deterrent to such sale and possession of kratom, to the joint standing 34 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 35 relating to public health and the judiciary, in accordance with the 36 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. As used in this 37 section, "kratom" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of this 38 act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	from passage	New section

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