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**Raised Bill No. 6718**

LCO No. 4281



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

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

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

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 Section 20-636 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

9 (b) On and after January 1, 2024, each pharmacist shall (1) affix to each  
10 container or packaging in which a prescription drug is sold or  
11 dispensed, a conspicuous statement notifying the consumer that the  
12 consumer may visit the Internet web site of the Department of  
13 Consumer Protection for information concerning the safe storage of  
14 prescription drugs and disposal of unused and expired prescription  
15 drugs, and (2) print on such container or packaging the following

16 statement: "MAY CAUSE ILLNESS OR DEATH IF INGESTED BY  
17 SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE PRESCRIBED PATIENT. KEEP OUT  
18 OF REACH OF CHILDREN."

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 Section 21a-422t of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

21 (a) [Not later than January 1, 2023, each] Each retailer, as defined in  
22 section 21a-420, and hybrid retailer, as defined in section 21a-420, shall  
23 post a sign in a conspicuous place on the premises of such retailer or  
24 hybrid retailer notifying consumers that they may visit the Internet web  
25 site of the Department of Consumer Protection for information  
26 concerning the safe storage of cannabis and cannabis products and  
27 disposal of unused and expired cannabis and cannabis products.

28 (b) On and after January 1, 2024, each retailer and hybrid retailer shall  
29 affix to each container or packaging containing cannabis or cannabis  
30 products or print on each receipt for cannabis or cannabis products, (1)  
31 a conspicuous statement notifying the consumer that the consumer may  
32 visit the Internet web site of the Department of Consumer Protection for  
33 information concerning the safe storage of cannabis and cannabis  
34 products, and disposal of unused and expired cannabis and cannabis  
35 products, and (2) print on such container, packaging or receipt the  
36 following statement: "DO NOT USE CANNABIS IF UNDER 21. KEEP  
37 OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN."

38 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2024, the  
39 Department of Consumer Protection shall, in consultation with the  
40 Departments of Public Health and Children and Families, develop and  
41 administer a public awareness campaign concerning the safe storage  
42 and disposal of prescription drugs, cannabis, cannabis products and  
43 illegal drugs. Such campaign shall include, but need not be limited to,  
44 the advertisement and distribution of information concerning the safe  
45 storage of and disposal of such items to residents.

46 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of one million dollars is  
47 appropriated to the Department of Consumer Protection from the

48 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for the  
49 development and administration of the public awareness campaign  
50 described in section 3 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-636
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	21a-422t
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the (1) printing of statements directing consumers to information concerning the safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs, cannabis and cannabis products on containers, packaging or receipts for such items, and (2) Department of Consumer Protection to develop and administer a public awareness campaign concerning the safe storage and disposal of such items.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*