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AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), entitled "An act relating to the manufacture, sale and possession of 2 controlled substances, other drugs, devices and cosmetics; 3 conferring powers on the courts and the secretary and Department of Health, and a newly created Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board; establishing schedules of controlled substances; providing penalties; requiring registration of persons engaged in the drug trade and for the 7 8 revocation or suspension of certain licenses and 9 10 registrations; and repealing an act," further providing for prohibited acts and penalties. 11 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: 14 Section 1. Section 13(a) of the act of April 14, 1972 15 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, 16 Device and Cosmetic Act, is amended by adding a clause and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read: 17 18 Section 13. Prohibited Acts; Penalties. -- (a) The following 19 acts and the causing thereof within the Commonwealth are hereby 20 prohibited: 21
- 22 (41) (i) The preparation, manufacture, sale or distribution

- 1 of a kratom product to a minor that meets any of the following
- 2 criteria:
- 3 (A) The kratom product is mixed or packed with a nonkratom
- 4 <u>substance</u> and the <u>substance</u> affects the quality or strength of
- 5 the kratom product to a degree that renders the kratom product
- 6 <u>injurious to a consumer of the kratom product.</u>
- 7 (B) The kratom product contains a poisonous or otherwise
- 8 <u>deleterious nonkratom ingredient, including, but not limited to,</u>
- 9 any of the following:
- 10 (I) A controlled substance listed under section 4.
- 11 (II) A controlled substance listed under 28 Pa. Code Ch. 25
- 12 Subch. A (relating to controlled substances, drugs, devices and
- 13 <u>cosmetics</u>).
- 14 (III) A substance that is temporarily scheduled as a
- 15 controlled substance by the secretary under section 3(d).
- 16 (C) The kratom product contains a kratom extract with levels
- 17 of residual solvents higher than the standards specified in the
- 18 current edition of the United States Pharmacopeia/National
- 19 Formulary (USP/NF) 467 on the effective date of this clause.
- 20 (D) The kratom product contains a level of 7-
- 21 hydroxymitragynine in the alkaloid fraction that is greater than
- 22 2% of the overall alkaloid composition of the kratom product.
- 23 (E) The kratom product contains a synthetic alkaloid,
- 24 including a synthetic mitragynine, a synthetic 7-
- 25 <u>hydroxymitragynine or any other synthetically derived compounds</u>
- 26 of the kratom plant.
- 27 <u>(F) The kratom product does not include adequate labeling</u>
- 28 directions necessary for the safe and effective use by a
- 29 consumer of the kratom product, including a recommended serving
- 30 size.

- 1 (ii) A retailer shall not be subject to criminal liability
- 2 under this clause if, by a preponderance of the evidence, the
- 3 retailer acted in good faith reliance upon a processor that the
- 4 kratom product was not in violation of this clause.
- 5 (iii) The following words and phrases when used in this
- 6 <u>clause shall have the meanings given to them in this subclause</u>
- 7 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 8 <u>"Food product" means a food, food ingredient, dietary</u>
- 9 <u>ingredient</u>, <u>dietary supplement or beverage for human</u>
- 10 consumption.
- "Kratom extract" means a food product that contains any part
- 12 of a leaf from mitragyna speciosa, commonly known as kratom,
- 13 <u>which has been extracted and concentrated to provide more</u>
- 14 standardized dosing.
- 15 "Kratom product" means a food product that contains any part
- 16 of a leaf from mitragyna speciosa, commonly known as kratom, or
- 17 a kratom extract, and is manufactured as a powder, capsule,
- 18 pill, beverage or any other edible form.
- 19 <u>"Processor" means a person who prepares or manufactures a</u>
- 20 kratom product or who advertises, represents or holds oneself
- 21 out as preparing or manufacturing a kratom product. The term
- 22 <u>does not include a retailer.</u>
- "Retailer" means a person who sells or distributes a kratom
- 24 product or who advertises, represents or holds oneself out as
- 25 <u>selling or distributing a kratom product. The term does not</u>
- 26 include a processor.
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- 28 (g) (1) Any person who knowingly or intentionally violates
- 29 subsection (a)(41) and is a processor is quilty of a misdemeanor
- 30 of the first degree.

- 1 (2) Any person who knowingly or intentionally violates
- 2 <u>subsection (a) (41) and is not a processor is quilty of a</u>
- 3 <u>misdemeanor of the second degree</u>.
- 4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.