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HOUSE BILL NO. 1464

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on General Laws

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(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Hodges)

A BILL to direct the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority to draft regulations governing cannabis; report.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. § 1. That the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (the Authority) shall draft regulations governing the indoor cultivation, processing, manufacturing, testing, packaging, labeling, distribution, sale, and delivery of cannabis in the Commonwealth. The regulations shall include (i) appropriate application and license fees; (ii) reasonable restrictions on cannabis advertising; (iii) restrictions on product size and potency; (iv) transaction limits; and (v) any other restrictions or requirements necessary to protect public health and safety, prevent diversion, and enforce regulated sales.

The Authority shall report such draft regulations to the General Assembly by November 15, 2023. In its report, the Authority shall indicate the date on which the Authority would be able to implement and enforce such regulations, issue licenses, provide adequate enforcement, and implement a transitional sales program for pharmaceutical processors.

Any regulations drafted by the Authority pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not become effective until such regulations are approved by an act of the General Assembly.

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