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To: Senate Bill No. 1118

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE AND EQUITABLE  
REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS."**

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 21a-279 of the general statutes is  
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
4 *2021*):

5 (a) (1) Any person who possesses or has under such person's control  
6 any quantity of any controlled substance, except [less than one-half  
7 ounce of a cannabis-type substance] any quantity of cannabis, as defined  
8 in section 1 of this act, and except as authorized in this chapter or chapter  
9 420f, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

10 (2) For a second offense of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court  
11 shall evaluate such person and, if the court determines such person is a  
12 drug-dependent person, the court may suspend prosecution of such

13 person and order such person to undergo a substance abuse treatment  
14 program.

15 (3) For any subsequent offense of subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
16 the court may find such person to be a persistent offender for possession  
17 of a controlled substance in accordance with section 53a-40.

18 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of RERACA, this chapter or  
19 chapter 420f, for purposes of this subsection, prior to January 1, 2024,  
20 "cannabis" does not include any "cannabis product", as defined in  
21 section 1 of this act, meant to be consumed in the form of an edible  
22 product."

23 Strike subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 3 in its entirety and  
24 insert the following in lieu thereof:

25 "(i) (1) As used in this section, "cannabis", "cannabis flower",  
26 "cannabis trim", "cannabis concentrate" and "cannabis product" have the  
27 same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act, except,  
28 notwithstanding the provisions of RERACA, this chapter or chapter  
29 420f, prior to January 1, 2024, "cannabis product" does not include any  
30 product meant to be consumed in the form of an edible product."

31 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
32 internal references accordingly:

33 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Public Health  
34 shall conduct a study on the effects of cannabis on physical and mental  
35 health. The department may conduct such study in conjunction with the  
36 Yale School of Medicine. Such study shall analyze: (1) The use of  
37 cannabis on the adolescent brain, including its effects on children and  
38 infants who are exposed to cannabis, (2) prevention and treatment of  
39 cannabis addiction, (3) the risk of developing serious mental illness from  
40 the use of cannabis, and (4) risks associated with impaired driving while  
41 under the influence of cannabis.

42 (b) Not later than February 1, 2022, the department shall report on

43 such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
44 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
45 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	21a-279(a)
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section