
DIGEST

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HB 12 Reengrossed

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Schlegel

Abstract: Creates the crime of selling consumable hemp products to a person under the age of 21, the crime of purchasing or possessing of consumable hemp products by a person under the age of 21, and the crime of producing consumable hemp products without a permit.

Proposed law creates the crime of selling, distributing, dispensing, or otherwise delivering consumable hemp products to a person under the age of 21. Proposed law sets the penalty for violations at not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or not less than 30 days nor more than six months imprisonment, or both.

Proposed law creates the crime of purchase or public possession of consumable hemp products by a person under 21 years of age. Proposed law provides that the penalty for violations shall be a citation and a \$100 fine. Proposed law provides that the citation shall not be included on the person's criminal history record.

Present law provides that the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law does not apply to consumable hemp products.

Proposed law specifies which products are not affected by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law. Proposed law provides that transporting federally compliant hemp products within the state shall not be prohibited.

Proposed law creates the crime of producing, manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing with intent to produce, manufacture, distribute, or dispense consumable hemp products to anyone when not in accordance with regulations of present law.

Proposed law sets the penalty for violations at not more than \$50,000, or one year to 10 years imprisonment with or without hard labor, or both.

Proposed law provides that a processor, wholesaler, or retailer acting in good faith to produce, manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess consumable hemp in accordance with present law shall not be subject to the penalties provided in proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 40:961.1 and 966(A)(3); Adds R.S. 14:93.16 and 93.17 and R.S. 40:966(A)(4) and (B)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change the fine for selling consumable hemp to a minor from \$1,000-\$2,000 to \$500-\$1,000.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add that a processor, wholesaler, or retailer acting in good faith in accordance with present law is not subject to the penalties in proposed law.
2. Add technical amendments.