

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 233 (HB 12)

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New law creates the crime of selling, distributing, dispensing, or otherwise delivering consumable hemp products to a person under the age of 21. New 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.

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

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

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

New 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 existing law.

New 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.

New law provides that an alleged offense for operating without an active license shall not be a violation of new law if the processor, wholesaler, or retailer held a valid permit at the time of applying for permit renewal and the application was under review by the La. Dept. of Health or the office of alcohol and tobacco control.

New law provides that an alleged offense shall not be a violation of new law if the product had been approved by the La. Dept. of Health at the time of the alleged offense, or if the alleged offense occurred 60 days or less after the product's approval was revoked.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(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))