

SB 624-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL **624-FN**

AN ACT restricting access to certain hemp-derived products.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill sets penalties applicable to corporations and unincorporated associations for possession of certain hemp-derived products, directs liquor licensees to comply with the prohibition, and amends the definition of hemp.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Hemp; Definition Added. Amend RSA 439-A:2 by inserting after paragraph
2 II the following new paragraph:

3 II-a. "Container" means the innermost wrapping, packaging, or vessel in direct contact with
4 the final hemp derived cannabinoid product when sold at retail (such as a bottle, jar, cartridge, or
5 can).

6 2 Hemp; Definition. Amend RSA 439-A:2, V to read as follows:

7 V. "Hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of the plant, [~~whether growing~~
8 ~~or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (THC) of not more than 0.3 percent on a~~
9 ~~dry weight basis~~] ***including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids,***
10 ***isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a total***
11 ***tetrahydrocannabinols concentration (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of not more***
12 ***than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.***

13 3 Hemp; Prohibitions. Amend RSA 439-A:4 to read as follows:

14 439-A:4 Hemp-Derived Products Containing THC Prohibited.

15 ***I.*** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the sale of products that are
16 derived from hemp which contain natural or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) greater than 0.3
17 percent on a dry weight basis, which appear in any formulation, including delta-8 THC, delta-9 THC,
18 ***THCA***, or any other THC isomer variant. ***Such products are prohibited.***

19 ***II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:***

20 ***(a) Final hemp-derived cannabinoid products shall not include products that***
21 ***contain more than 0.4 mg total THC per container, including all forms of***
22 ***tetrahydrocannabinols (including delta-9 THC and THCA) and other cannabinoids with***
23 ***similarly intoxicating effects.***

24 ***(b) Products exceeding this limit are not authorized for sale, and are excluded***
25 ***from the legal definition of hemp.***

26 ***III. A corporation or unincorporated association that knowingly sells a product in***
27 ***violation of this section shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not to exceed***
28 ***\$1,000 for a first, second, or third offense, and guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine***
29 ***not to exceed \$20,000 for any fourth or subsequent offense. A writ of execution may be***

1 *issued by the court against the corporation or unincorporated association who violates this*
2 *section to compel payment of the fine, together with costs and interest.*

3 4 Premises Restrictions; Unlawful Purpose. Amend RSA 179:50 to read as follows:

4 179:50 Unlawful Purpose.

5 **I.** No licensee shall use, or allow to be used, his or her premises for any purpose contrary to
6 law.

7 **II.** *All licensees shall comply with the provisions of RSA 439-A:4 relative to certain*
8 *hemp-derived products containing THC prohibited.*

9 5 New Paragraph; Prohibited Sales. Amend RSA 179:5 by inserting after paragraph II the
10 following new paragraph:

11 **III.** No licensee, salesperson, nor any other person, shall sell or give away or cause or allow
12 or procure to be sold, delivered, or given away any product derived from hemp which contains
13 natural or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in any amount, which appear in any formulation,
14 including delta-8 THC, delta-9 THC, or any other THC isomer variant or tetrahydrocannabinolic
15 acid (THCA), to a person under the age of 21.

16 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**SB 624-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill *Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association