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Floor Amendment to SB 624-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT restricting access to certain hemp-derived products and establishing the offenses of
4 criminal adulteration and distribution of adulterated controlled substances.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 4 with the following:

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8 5 Legislative Findings. With respect to section 6 of this act, the general court finds that:

9 I. The presence of unapproved substances in the illicit drug supply poses an immediate and
10 severe threat to the health and safety of the citizens of New Hampshire.

11 II. The intentional adulteration of controlled substances with unapproved additives
12 demonstrates a reckless disregard for human life.

13 III. The distribution of controlled substances without verification of contents, given the
14 availability of testing resources, constitutes a significant public safety hazard warranting enhanced
15 penalties.

16 6 New Section; Criminal Adulteration and Distribution of Adulterated Controlled Substances.
17 Amend RSA 318-B by inserting after section 2-e the following new section:

18 318-B:2-f Criminal Adulteration and Distribution of Adulterated Controlled Substances.

19 I. A person is guilty of a class B felony if they knowingly combine, mix, or adulterate a
20 controlled substance with any substance not approved for human consumption, or if they knowingly
21 possess with intent to distribute, any such controlled substance with the intent to distribute the
22 resulting mixture. The state may only charge one of the two options above for each incident. The
23 state may establish intent through the presence of processing equipment, including, but not limited
24 to, scales, cutting agents, blenders, presses, or the simultaneous possession of a controlled substance
25 and an unapproved additive in a manufacturing context.

26 II. A person is guilty of a class A felony if they possess with intent to distribute, or
27 distribute, any controlled substance which they know or have reasonable cause to believe contains
28 an unapproved additive. For the purposes of this section, "reasonable cause to believe" includes the
29 failure to utilize accessible harm-reduction testing resources or the distribution of substances in a
30 market known to be contaminated with unapproved additives.

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1 III. The penalties provided for in this section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any
2 other penalties or offenses provided for under this chapter or any other provision of law, and shall
3 not be construed to limit the state's authority to prosecute any other applicable criminal offense.
4 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. 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.

II. Establishes the offenses of criminal adulteration and distribution of adulterated controlled substances.