

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

26 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.