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Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
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Floor Amendment to HB 1423-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the offense of improper influence and making synthetic and semisynthetic  
4 kratom illegal to prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise, with  
5 exceptions made for scientific research.  
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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9 2 Severability. If any provision of section 1 of this act or the application thereof to any person or  
10 circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the  
11 act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
12 provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

13 3 New Subdivision; Synthetic Kratom Policy. Amend RSA 318-B by inserting after section 50  
14 the following new subdivision:

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Synthetic Kratom Policy

16 318-B:51 Definitions. In this subdivision, "synthetic kratom" or "semisynthetic kratom" means:

17 I. An alkaloid or alkaloid derivative that has been created by chemical synthesis or  
18 biosynthetic means, including fermentation, recombinant techniques, yeast derived, and enzymatic  
19 techniques, rather than traditional food preparation techniques, such as heating or extracting that  
20 synthetically alters the composition of any kratom alkaloid or constituent; or

21 II. An alkaloid or alkaloid derivative contained in kratom that has been exposed to  
22 chemicals or processes that would confer a structural change in the alkaloids, resulting in material  
23 that has been chemically altered.

24 318-B:52 Synthetic Kratom Limitations. No person or entity person shall prepare, distribute,  
25 manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise synthetic or semisynthetic kratom, unless such preparation,  
26 distribution, manufacturing, sale, possession, or advertisement is undertaken for the sole purpose of  
27 scientific research.

28 4 New Paragraph; Controlled Drug Act; Scheduling by the Commissioner. Amend RSA 318-B:1-  
29 a by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

30 IX. Notwithstanding paragraph I, synthetic or semisynthetic kratom shall be classified as a  
31 schedule II controlled drug.

32 5 Effective Date.

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- 1 I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.
- 2 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Expands the offense of improper influence to include threats to immediate family members of a public servant, party official, or voter and provides mandatory minimum penalties for the certain violations of the offense.

II. Makes synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal to prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise, with exceptions made for scientific research.