

SB 624-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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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

ANALYSIS

This bill sets penalties for possession of certain hemp-derived products and directs liquor licensees to comply with the prohibition.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT restricting access to certain hemp-derived products.

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

1 1 Hemp; Prohibitions. Amend RSA 439-A:4 to read as follows:

2 439-A:4 Hemp-Derived Products Containing THC Prohibited.

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

7 ***II.*** ***No person under the age of 21 may purchase, possess, or consume a product***
8 ***derived from hemp which contain natural or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in any***
9 ***amount, which appear in any formulation, including delta-8 THC, delta-9 THC, or any***
10 ***other THC isomer variant.***

11 ***III.*** ***Any person who knowingly possesses a product in violation of paragraphs I or***
12 ***II shall be guilty of a violation for a first offense and a class B misdemeanor for any***
13 ***subsequent offense.***

14 ***IV.*** ***Any person who is convicted of violating paragraph I shall be subject to a fine of***
15 ***\$100 for a first offense, and any subsequent violations shall be guilty of a class B***
16 ***misdemeanor with not less than a \$300 fine and not more than a \$1,200 fine. The offender***
17 ***shall forfeit the hemp-derived product to the state.***

18 ***V.*** ***A corporation or unincorporated association shall be subject to a fine not to***
19 ***exceed \$20,000 for a misdemeanor and \$1,000 for a violation. A writ of execution may be***
20 ***issued by the court against the corporation or unincorporated association to compel***
21 ***payment of the fine, together with costs and interest.***

22 ***2 Premises Restrictions; Unlawful Purpose.*** Amend RSA 179:50 to read as follows:

23 179:50 Unlawful Purpose.

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

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

28 3 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:

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