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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS AND HEMP REGULATION."

1 Strike section 26 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) For the purposes of this section,
4 sections 27 and 28 of this act and section 501 of this act:

5 (1) "Cannabis" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240 of the
6 general statutes, as amended by this act;

7 (2) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in
8 section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

9 (3) "Cannabis product" has the same meaning as provided in section
10 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

11 (4) "Cannabis testing laboratory" has the same meaning as provided
12 in section 21a-408 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

13 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
14 Protection;

15 (6) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
16 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

17 (7) "Container" (A) means an object that is offered, intended for sale
18 or sold to a consumer and directly contains an infused beverage, and (B)
19 does not include an object or packaging that indirectly contains, or
20 contains in bulk for transportation purposes, an infused beverage;

21 (8) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
22 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

23 (9) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

24 (10) "Dispensary facility" has the same meaning as provided in
25 section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

26 (11) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as
27 provided in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this
28 act;

29 (12) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l of
30 the general statutes, as amended by this act;

31 (13) "Hemp producer" means producer, as defined in section 22-61l
32 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

33 (14) "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in section
34 22-61l of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

35 (15) "Hybrid retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section
36 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

37 (16) "Infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an alcoholic
38 beverage, as defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, (B) is
39 intended for human consumption, and (C) contains, or is advertised,
40 labeled or offered for sale as containing, total THC that is not greater

41 than three milligrams per container;

42 (17) "Infused beverage manufacturer" means a person licensed by the
43 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 27 of this act;

44 (18) "Infused beverage manufacturer retail outlet" means a retail
45 establishment (A) that is owned and operated by an infused beverage
46 manufacturer, and (B) in which infused beverages manufactured by the
47 infused beverage manufacturer are sold, at retail, directly to consumers;

48 (19) "Legacy infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an
49 alcoholic beverage, as defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, (B)
50 is intended for human consumption, (C) contains, or is advertised,
51 labeled or offered for sale as containing, THC, as defined in section 21a-
52 240 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (D) as of June 30,
53 2024, is in compliance with (i) the provisions of RERACA, as defined in
54 section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (ii)
55 the policies and procedures issued by the Commissioner of Consumer
56 Protection to implement, and any regulations adopted pursuant to,
57 RERACA, as defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as
58 amended by this act;

59 (20) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section
60 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

61 (21) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as
62 provided in section 22-61l of the general statutes, as amended by this
63 act;

64 (22) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
65 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

66 (23) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in
67 section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

68 (24) "Retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
69 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

70 (25) "Total THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
71 240 of the general statutes, as amended by this act."

72 Strike section 27 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
73 thereof:

74 "Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) Notwithstanding the
75 provisions of sections 22-61m of the general statutes, as amended by this
76 act, and 22-61n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
77 except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall, on
78 or after October 1, 2024, manufacture any infused beverage that is
79 intended to be sold or offered for sale in this state unless such person
80 has received an infused beverage manufacturer license issued by the
81 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section.

82 (b) (1) A person seeking an infused beverage manufacturer license
83 under this section shall submit to the Department of Consumer
84 Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
85 Consumer Protection, an application accompanied by an application fee
86 in the amount of five thousand dollars. Each license issued pursuant to
87 this section shall be valid for a period of one year, and shall be renewable
88 for additional one-year periods upon submission of a renewal
89 application in the manner, and payment of a renewal fee in the amount,
90 set forth for an initial application under this subsection. All fees
91 collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the consumer
92 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the
93 general statutes.

94 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
95 subsection, no applicant for an infused beverage manufacturer license
96 under this section, or renewal of an infused beverage manufacturer
97 license issued under this section, shall be required to pay the application
98 fee set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection if the applicant
99 exclusively sells, or proposes to exclusively sell, the infused beverages
100 manufactured by such applicant at an infused beverage manufacturer
101 retail outlet that is owned and operated by, or will be owned and

102 operated by, such applicant.

103 (c) (1) A cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer
104 or product manufacturer, or a producer that has received expanded
105 authorization to engage in the adult use cannabis market under the
106 producer's license issued pursuant to section 21a-408i of the general
107 statutes, may, beginning on October 1, 2024, manufacture infused
108 beverages in this state that are intended to be sold or offered for sale in
109 this state if such cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage
110 manufacturer, product manufacturer or producer submits to the
111 Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed
112 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, a written request to
113 manufacture such infused beverages, and the commissioner approves
114 such written request.

115 (2) A cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer,
116 product manufacturer or producer that receives approval from the
117 Commissioner of Consumer Protection under subdivision (1) of this
118 subsection shall be subject to all provisions of this section, and all
119 regulations, policies and procedures adopted or issued pursuant to
120 subsection (k) of this section, applicable to infused beverage
121 manufacturers, except no such cultivator, micro-cultivator, food and
122 beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer or producer shall be
123 subject to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

124 (d) (1) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no infused beverage
125 manufacturer shall obtain any hemp product for the purpose of
126 manufacturing any infused beverage that is intended to be sold or
127 offered for sale in this state unless such hemp product is in the form of
128 hemp oil, and no such infused beverage manufacturer shall use any
129 hemp product other than hemp oil to manufacture any such infused
130 beverage.

131 (2) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no infused beverage manufacturer
132 shall obtain any hemp oil for the purpose of manufacturing any infused
133 beverage that is intended to be sold or offered for sale in this state unless

134 such hemp oil:

135 (A) Is derived from hemp;

136 (B) (i) Was extracted from hemp grown by (I) a hemp producer, as
137 evidenced by a certificate of authenticity issued by the hemp producer,
138 or (II) a licensed hemp grower regulated by a state, territory or federally
139 recognized Indian tribe, and in accordance with a state or tribal plan
140 approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, as evidenced
141 by a certificate of authenticity issued by such licensed hemp grower, or
142 (ii) was extracted (I) by a person who is actively credentialed by a state
143 or federally recognized Indian tribe to extract hemp, and (II) in a facility
144 that is credentialed by a state or federally recognized Indian tribe; and

145 (C) Was extracted from hemp by using (i) a Class 3 residual solvent
146 within the meaning of the most recent United States Pharmacopeia,
147 Chapter 467, as amended from time to time, (ii) a solvent generally
148 recognized as safe pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic
149 Act, or (iii) a solvent approved by the Department of Consumer
150 Protection and posted on the department's Internet web site.

151 (3) Beginning on October 1, 2024, each infused beverage
152 manufacturer that manufactures any infused beverage that is intended
153 to be sold or offered for sale in this state shall:

154 (A) Not manufacture any such infused beverage with total THC that
155 exceeds three milligrams per container;

156 (B) Manufacture such infused beverage by using equipment that is
157 exclusively used to manufacture an infused beverage or prepared in
158 accordance with good manufacturing practices as set forth in 21 CFR
159 Parts 110 and 111, as amended from time to time, as applicable; and

160 (C) Ensure that all hemp oil such infused beverage manufacturer
161 possesses to manufacture such infused beverage is (i) stored in a secure,
162 locked location separate from any cannabis, (ii) clearly and
163 conspicuously labeled as hemp oil solely for use in manufacturing an

164 infused beverage, and (iii) solely used for the purpose of manufacturing
165 an infused beverage.

166 (e) (1) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no infused beverage that is sold
167 or offered for sale in this state shall include (A) any additive that (i) is
168 psychotropic, or (ii) could increase the potency, toxicity or addictive
169 properties of the infused beverage, including, but not limited to, caffeine
170 other than caffeine naturally occurring in chocolate, or (B) total THC that
171 exceeds three milligrams per container.

172 (2) (A) Beginning on October 1, 2024, each lot of an infused beverage
173 in final form shall be tested by a cannabis testing laboratory. A
174 statistically significant number of samples shall be collected from such
175 lot and submitted to the cannabis testing laboratory for final product
176 testing in a manner approved by the Department of Consumer
177 Protection. Such sampling and final product testing shall be conducted
178 by using a representative sample of such lot and by collecting a
179 minimum number of sample increments relative to the size of such lot.

180 (B) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no infused beverage shall be sold
181 or offered for sale in this state unless the infused beverage meets (i) the
182 laboratory testing standards for cannabis established in, and any
183 regulations, policies and procedures adopted or issued pursuant to,
184 section 21a-421j of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or (ii)
185 such other testing standards as may be approved by the Department of
186 Consumer Protection and posted on the department's Internet web site.

187 (3) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no infused beverage sold or offered
188 for sale in this state shall be packaged, labeled or advertised in any
189 manner that is likely to mislead an individual by incorporating any
190 statement, brand, design, representation, picture, illustration or other
191 depiction that:

192 (A) Bears a reasonable resemblance to trademarked or characteristic
193 packaging of (i) cannabis offered for sale (I) in this state by a cannabis
194 establishment licensed in this state, or (II) on tribal land by a tribal-
195 credentialed cannabis entity, or (ii) a commercially available product

196 other than a cannabis product; or

197 (B) Appeals to individuals who are younger than twenty-one years of
198 age by, among other things, (i) making use of any spokesperson or
199 celebrity who appeals to such individuals, (ii) depicting any individual
200 who is younger than twenty-five years of age consuming cannabis or an
201 infused beverage, (iii) including any object, such as a toy, character or
202 cartoon character, which suggests the presence of any individual who is
203 younger than twenty-one years of age, or (iv) making use of any other
204 method that is designed to appeal to any individual who is younger
205 than twenty-one years of age.

206 (4) Beginning on October 1, 2024, each infused beverage container
207 sold or offered for sale in this state shall prominently display a symbol,
208 in a size of not less than one-half inch by one-half inch and in a format
209 approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, that indicates
210 that such infused beverage is not legal or safe for individuals younger
211 than twenty-one years of age.

212 (f) (1) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no infused beverage
213 manufacturer shall sell an infused beverage to any person in this state
214 other than (A) a dispensary facility, (B) a hybrid retailer, (C) a retailer,
215 (D) the holder of a wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer
216 issued under section 30-17 of the general statutes, or (E) a consumer at
217 an infused beverage manufacturer retail outlet owned and operated by
218 such infused beverage manufacturer.

219 (2) Beginning on October 1, 2024, a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer,
220 retailer or infused beverage manufacturer retail outlet, before selling an
221 infused beverage to a consumer in this state, or wholesaler permittee,
222 before selling an infused beverage to a package store permittee under
223 subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the general statutes, as amended by
224 this act, shall, based on a representative sample of the infused beverage
225 containers included in the shipment that includes such infused
226 beverage, (A) verify that the infused beverages included in such
227 shipment satisfy the requirements established in subdivision (3) of

228 subsection (e) of this section and any regulations adopted, and policies
229 and procedures issued, pursuant to subsection (k) of this section, and
230 (B) for the purpose of preserving public health and safety, verify that the
231 infused beverages included in such shipment were manufactured in
232 accordance with requirements that are substantially similar to the
233 requirements established in subsections (d) and (e) of this section and
234 any regulations adopted, and policies and procedures issued, pursuant
235 to subsection (k) of this section if such infused beverages were
236 manufactured (i) in a facility located in, and regulated by, another state,
237 and (ii) by a person who is regulated as a food or nonalcoholic beverage
238 manufacturer.

239 (g) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no cannabis establishment or
240 infused beverage manufacturer, or agent or employee of a cannabis
241 establishment or infused beverage manufacturer, shall gift or transfer
242 any infused beverage to a consumer, at no cost to the consumer, as part
243 of a commercial transaction.

244 (h) Beginning on October 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Consumer
245 Protection may request that an infused beverage manufacturer submit
246 to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner
247 prescribed by the commissioner, documentation sufficient to
248 demonstrate that the infused beverage manufacturer is in compliance
249 with the provisions of this section. The infused beverage manufacturer
250 shall promptly provide such documentation to the department.

251 (i) Beginning on October 1, 2024, each infused beverage manufacturer
252 shall be subject to the investigation and enforcement provisions set forth
253 in section 21a-421p of the general statutes.

254 (j) Beginning on October 1, 2024, if the Commissioner of Consumer
255 Protection determines, after consulting with the Attorney General, that
256 the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, P.L. 115-334, as amended
257 from time to time, has been amended in a manner that conflicts with any
258 provision of this section, the commissioner shall prepare and submit a
259 report, in coordination with the Attorney General and in accordance

260 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
261 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
262 matters relating to consumer protection. Such report shall, at a
263 minimum, set forth the scope of such conflict and recommendations to
264 resolve such conflict. The commissioner shall submit such report: (1)
265 Not later than thirty days after the United States Department of
266 Agriculture announces such amendment, if the General Assembly is in
267 session; or (2) not later than sixty days after the United States
268 Department of Agriculture announces such amendment, if the General
269 Assembly is not in session.

270 (k) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
271 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
272 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.
273 Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive,
274 of the general statutes, the commissioner shall, prior to adopting such
275 regulations and in order to effectuate the provisions of this section, issue
276 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section that
277 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all
278 policies and procedures on the Department of Consumer Protection's
279 Internet web site, and submit such policies and procedures to the
280 Secretary of the State for posting on the eRegulations System, at least
281 fifteen days prior to the effective date of any policy or procedure. Any
282 such policy or procedure shall no longer be effective upon the earlier of
283 either the adoption of the policy or procedure as a final regulation under
284 section 4-172 of the general statutes or forty-eight months from July 1,
285 2024, if such regulations have not been submitted to the legislative
286 regulation review committee for consideration under section 4-170 of
287 the general statutes.

288 (l) Beginning on October 1, 2024, and following a hearing conducted
289 in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, the Commissioner
290 of Consumer Protection may impose an administrative civil penalty, not
291 to exceed five thousand dollars per violation, and suspend, revoke or
292 place conditions upon any infused beverage manufacturer that violates
293 any provision of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to

294 subsection (k) of this section. All administrative civil penalties collected
295 under this subsection shall be deposited in the consumer protection
296 enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the general
297 statutes.

298 (m) Beginning on October 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Consumer
299 Protection may, pursuant to section 4-182 of the general statutes,
300 summarily suspend any credential the commissioner or Department of
301 Consumer Protection has issued to any person who violates any
302 provision of this section.

303 (n) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an
304 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b
305 of the general statutes."

306 Strike section 28 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
307 thereof:

308 "Sec. 28. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) (1) Beginning on October 1,
309 2024, no infused beverage shall be sold, offered for sale or distributed in
310 this state unless:

311 (A) The infused beverage is sold or offered for sale (i) on premises
312 operating under a package store permit issued pursuant to subsection
313 (b) of section 30-20 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or (ii)
314 at a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or infused beverage
315 manufacturer retail outlet;

316 (B) If the infused beverage is sold at a dispensary facility, hybrid
317 retailer or retailer, the infused beverage is stored and displayed
318 separately from any cannabis, in the same manner provided for
319 manufacturer hemp products, in accordance with section 21a-409, 21a-
320 420s or 21a-420r of the general statutes, respectively; and

321 (C) The infused beverage meets the standards set forth for
322 manufacturer hemp products in subsections (v) and (x) of section 22-
323 61m of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

324 (2) Beginning on July 1, 2024, no infused beverage shall be sold, or
325 offered for sale, at retail to any individual in this state by way of any
326 indirect means, including, but not limited to, by way of mail or any
327 telephonic or other electronic means.

328 (b) No infused beverage shall be sold to any individual who is
329 younger than twenty-one years of age. No owner, agent or employee of
330 a package store permitted under subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the
331 general statutes, as amended by this act, or of a dispensary facility,
332 hybrid retailer, retailer or infused beverage manufacturer retail outlet,
333 shall sell any infused beverage to an individual without first verifying
334 the individual's age with a valid government-issued driver's license or
335 identity card to establish that such individual is twenty-one years of age
336 or older.

337 (c) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no person shall sell, or offer for sale,
338 any infused beverage in any container containing less than twelve fluid
339 ounces, or any packaging comprised of more than four containers.

340 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive,
341 of this section, a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or package
342 store that has received a waiver from the Commissioner of Consumer
343 Protection under section 30 of this act may, during the period beginning
344 on July 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2024, sell legacy infused
345 beverages in accordance with such waiver and the requirements set
346 forth in section 30 of this act.

347 (e) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an
348 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b
349 of the general statutes."

350 Strike section 29 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
351 thereof:

352 "Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
353 section:

354 (1) "Business" means any individual or sole proprietorship,
355 partnership, firm, corporation, trust, limited liability company, limited
356 liability partnership, joint stock company, joint venture, association or
357 other legal entity through which business for profit or not-for-profit is
358 conducted;

359 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
360 Protection;

361 (3) "Container" (A) means an object that is intended for sale to a
362 consumer, as defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as
363 amended by this act, and directly contains an infused beverage or legacy
364 infused beverage, and (B) does not include an object or packaging that
365 indirectly contains, or contains in bulk for transportation purposes, an
366 infused beverage or legacy infused beverage;

367 (4) "Dispensary facility" has the same meaning as provided in section
368 21a-420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

369 (5) "Hybrid retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
370 420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

371 (6) "Infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an alcoholic
372 beverage, as defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, (B) is
373 intended for human consumption, and (C) contains, or is advertised,
374 labeled or offered for sale as containing, total THC, as defined in section
375 21a-240 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that is not greater
376 than three milligrams per container;

377 (7) "Infused beverage manufacturer retail outlet" has the same
378 meaning as provided in section 26 of this act;

379 (8) "Legacy infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an
380 alcoholic beverage, as defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, (B)
381 is intended for human consumption, (C) contains, or is advertised,
382 labeled or offered for sale as containing, THC, as defined in section 21a-
383 240 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (D) as of the

384 effective date of this section, is in compliance with (i) the provisions of
385 RERACA, as defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, as
386 amended by this act, and (ii) the policies and procedures issued by the
387 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to implement, and any
388 regulations adopted pursuant to, RERACA, as defined in section 21a-
389 420 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

390 (9) "Package store" means premises operating under a permit issued
391 under subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the general statutes, as amended
392 by this act; and

393 (10) "Retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420
394 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

395 (b) (1) Beginning on May 15, 2024, no business, other than a
396 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or package store, shall sell
397 any infused beverage or legacy infused beverage in this state unless
398 such business has satisfied the requirements established in subdivision
399 (1) of subsection (c) of this section.

400 (2) Beginning on October 1, 2024, no business, other than a dispensary
401 facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or package store, shall sell, or possess
402 with intent to sell, any infused beverage or legacy infused beverage in
403 this state unless such business has satisfied the requirements established
404 in subsection (c) of this section.

405 (c) (1) Not later than May 14, 2024, each business, other than a
406 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or package store, that owns
407 and possesses any infused beverage or legacy infused beverage in this
408 state on said date shall take an inventory of all containers such business
409 owns and possesses in this state on said date.

410 (2) Not later than June 15, 2024, each business, other than a
411 dispensary facility, hybrid retailer, retailer or package store, shall
412 submit to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and
413 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection:

414 (A) A report disclosing the results of the inventory conducted
415 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section; and

416 (B) A fee in the amount of one dollar per container included in such
417 inventory.

418 (3) If any business, other than a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer,
419 retailer or package store, fails to submit the report and pay the fee
420 required under subdivision (2) of this subsection on or before June 15,
421 2024, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall:

422 (A) Make a good faith estimate, based on the information available to
423 the commissioner, of the number of containers that such business
424 owned, and were in such business's possession, in this state on May 14,
425 2024; and

426 (B) Invoice such business for a fee in the amount of one dollar per
427 container described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

428 (d) All fees received by the Department of Consumer Protection
429 under this section shall be deposited in the consumer protection
430 enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the general
431 statutes.

432 (e) If any business, other than a dispensary facility, hybrid retailer,
433 retailer or package store, fails to submit the report and pay the fee
434 required under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section on or
435 before June 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may,
436 subject to the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, revoke,
437 place conditions upon or suspend any certificate, license, permit,
438 registration or other credential the Department of Consumer Protection
439 has issued to or for such business.

440 (f) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to
441 infused beverage manufacturer retail outlets."

442 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
443 internal references accordingly:

444 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) A fee of one dollar shall be
 445 assessed by an infused beverage manufacturer retail outlet on each
 446 infused beverage container sold by such infused beverage manufacturer
 447 retail outlet. Such fee shall not be subject to any sales tax or treated as
 448 income pursuant to any provision of the general statutes.

449 (b) On October 1, 2024, and every six months thereafter, each infused
 450 beverage manufacturer retail outlet shall remit payment to the
 451 department for each infused beverage container sold during the
 452 preceding six-month period. The funds received by the department
 453 from infused beverage sales shall be deposited in the consumer
 454 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a of the
 455 general statutes for the purposes of (1) protecting public health and
 456 safety, (2) educating consumers and licensees, and (3) ensuring
 457 compliance with cannabis and liquor control laws."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section