

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Soter

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the regulation of CBD and hemp products.

PETITION OF:

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the regulation of CBD and hemp products.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following definitions:

3 “Cannabidiol (CBD)”, A chemical compound found in the cannabis plant, typically
4 derived from hemp, that is not psychoactive and is commonly used in various products, including
5 but not limited to oils, tinctures, edibles, and topicals.

6 “Hemp”, The Cannabis sativa plant and any part of such plant, whether growing or not,
7 that contains no more than 0.3% THC on a dry weight basis, as defined by state and federal law.

8 “CBD and Hemp Products”, Any product containing CBD or hemp-derived compounds
9 intended for human consumption, including but not limited to edibles, concentrates, tinctures,
10 oils, capsules, and other consumables.

11 "Wholesale Sale of CBD Products", The sale of cannabidiol (CBD) products to licensed
12 cannabis dispensaries within the commonwealth for resale, including products manufactured

13 outside of the commonwealth, as long as the manufacturer is licensed by the cannabis control
14 commission and complies with all applicable state regulations, including those related to product
15 safety, labeling, and quality control.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 94G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
17 inserting after Section 3 the following section:

18 Section 3A. Regulation of CBD and Hemp Products by the Cannabis Control
19 Commission

20 (a) The cannabis control commission shall be responsible for the regulation, licensure,
21 and oversight of all CBD and hemp products within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
22 irrespective of whether such products are derived from marijuana or hemp.

23 (b) No person shall manufacture, distribute, or sell any CBD or hemp product in the
24 Commonwealth unless such product is licensed and registered with the cannabis control
25 Commission in accordance with this chapter.

26 (c) The cannabis control commission shall establish and enforce rules, regulations, and
27 standards governing CBD and hemp products, including, but not limited to:

28 (1) Product safety standards, including the testing of CBD and hemp product
29 concentrations, to ensure compliance with all applicable public health and safety standards;

30 (2) Packaging and labeling requirements to clearly state the CBD content, appropriate
31 serving sizes, safety warnings, and any other necessary consumer information;

32 (3) Licensing requirements for producers, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of
33 CBD and hemp products;

34 (4) Advertising and marketing restrictions to prevent any promotional activities that
35 target or appeal to minors or that would otherwise pose a risk to public health.

36 (d) The cannabis control commission may issue fines or penalties for non-compliance
37 with the regulations established under this section and may suspend or revoke licenses for
38 egregious violations.

39 SECTION 3. Section 6 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
40 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following subsection:

41 (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the cannabis control
42 commission shall have the authority to regulate all cannabis-related products, including CBD and
43 hemp products, regardless of their origin, including marijuana or hemp, to ensure that they are
44 produced, distributed, and consumed safely in accordance with state laws.

45 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, licensed CBD
46 manufacturers who are in good standing with the cannabis control commission may sell CBD
47 products wholesale to licensed cannabis dispensaries in the commonwealth, regardless of
48 whether the products are manufactured within the commonwealth or in another state, provided
49 that:

50 (1) The manufacturer holds a valid license issued by the cannabis control commission
51 and complies with all state regulations regarding the safety, quality, and labeling of products.

52 (2) All CBD products sold to Massachusetts dispensaries must meet the product
53 safety and quality standards set forth by the cannabis control commission and the department of
54 public health.

55 (3) All products must be properly labeled in accordance with state regulations,
56 including product ingredients, cannabinoid content, dosage, and health warnings, as applicable.

57 (4) The dispensary receiving the wholesale product shall ensure that all products are
58 compliant with state regulations and standards prior to sale to consumers.

59 (5) The cannabis control commission shall have the authority to conduct regular
60 audits and inspections of products sold by licensed manufacturers to ensure continued
61 compliance with all applicable state regulations.

62 SECTION 5. All CBD and hemp products in circulation at the time of enactment of this
63 legislation that do not comply with the newly established regulatory framework shall have a
64 period of no less than 180 days from the effective date of this Act to come into compliance with
65 the cannabis control commission's licensing and regulatory requirements.

66 SECTION 6. There shall be established a special legislative commission to determine the
67 efficacy of municipalities overseeing the regulation of CBD and hemp products. The
68 commission's study shall include, but not be limited to, developing a template for municipalities
69 to use in the regulation of CBD and hemp products. The commission shall consist of: the chairs
70 of the joint committee on cannabis policy, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; 1
71 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the
72 president of the senate; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
73 representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the executive director
74 of the cannabis control commission or their designee; the president of the Massachusetts
75 Municipal Association or their designee; and the secretary of administration and finance or their
76 designee.

77 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the month following 90 days
78 after passage.