

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON CANNABIS POLICY
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY**

Bill Number:	H.173
Title:	An Act relative to the regulation of Delta-9 THC
Sponsor(s):	Rep. Michael J. Soter (Bellingham) and Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (North Reading)
Hearing Date:	May 7, 2025
Reporting Deadline:	July 6, 2025
Prior History:	None.
Similar Matters:	H.117 (Rep. Cusack, Agriculture); H.143 (Rep. Arena-DeRosa); H.168 (Rep. Shand); H.179 (Rep. Soter); H.357 (Rep. Day, Consumer Protection); S.54 (Sen. Comerford – Agriculture)

CURRENT LAW:

This bill amends Section 1 of Chapter 94G by adding new definitions for Delta-9 THC and Delta-9-THC products, with the latter including any product derived from marijuana or hemp intended for human consumption, such as edibles.

The bill further directs the Cannabis Control Commission to regulate, license and oversee all Delta-9 THC products within Massachusetts, whether they are derived from hemp or marijuana, by establishing rules, regulations, and standards governing Delta-9 THC products, including but not limited to: safety and testing standards; packaging and labeling requirements; licensing requirements for producers, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of Delta-9 THC products; and marketing restrictions to protect minors and the public health.

The bill states that no person can manufacture, distribute, or sell any Delta-9 THC product unless the product is licensed by and registered with the CCC.

The bill requires the CCC to submit an annual report to the Clerk’s Office of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the status of Delta-9 THC product regulation, including the number of licenses issued, the volume of Delta-9 products sold, and any public health concerns, as well as recommendations for changes or improvements to their regulation and oversight.

All products not in compliance with the new regulatory framework will have a period of at least 180 days from the law’s effective date to come into compliance.