

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

Bill Number:	H.179
Title:	An Act relative to the regulation of CBD and hemp products
Sponsor(s):	Rep. Michael J. Soter (Bellingham)
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.173 (Rep. Soter); H.357 (Rep. Day, Consumer Protection); S.54 (Sen. Comerford – Agriculture)

SUMMARY:

This bill amends Section 1 of Chapter 94G by adding definitions for CBD, “CBD and Hemp Products,” and “Wholesale Sale of CBD Products.” It defines hemp as having no more than 0.3% THC on a dry weight basis, as defined by state and federal law. CBD and Hemp Products are defined as products containing CBD or hemp-derived compounds intended for human consumption, such as edibles.

The bill further amends Chapter 94G by adding a new Section 3A, requiring the Cannabis Control Commission to regulate, license, and oversee all CBD and hemp products, whether derived from marijuana or hemp. The bill requires any person who manufactures, distributes, or sells CBD or hemp products to be licensed and registered with the CCC. The CCC must create rules and standards governing product safety, packaging and labeling, licensing, and advertising restrictions.

The bill provides that licensed CBD manufacturers in good standing may sell products manufactured out of state, so long as the manufacturer holds a license issued by the CCC and the products are in compliance with state quality and labeling requirements. The CCC may conduct audits and inspections of these products.

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.

The bill establishes a special legislative commission to conduct a study of municipalities’ ability to oversee the regulation of CBD and hemp products, including producing a regulatory template for municipal use. The commission will include the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Cannabis

Policy; 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 1 member appointed by the President of the Senate; 1 member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; 1 member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; the Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Commission or their designee; the president of the Massachusetts Municipal Association or their designee; and the Secretary of Administration and Finance or their designee.