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Representative Birong of Vergennes moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By adding Sec. X to read as follows:

Sec. X. 7 V.S.A. § 833 is amended to read:

§ 833. CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS IN A PUBLIC PLACE

(a) No person shall consume cannabis in a public place unless specifically authorized by law. Violations shall be punished in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 4230a.

(b) This section shall not apply to a location where cannabis is served in compliance with a special event permit.

Second: In Sec. 3, 7 V.S.A. § 861, by adding subdivision (31) to read as follows:

(31) “Special event permit” means a permit issued by the Board to serve cannabis to adult consumers for on-site consumption at private events lasting not more than four days in accordance with this chapter.

Third: By adding Sec. X to read as follows:

Sec. 6. 7 V.S.A. § 909a is added to read:

§ 909a. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

1 (a) A licensed retailer or integrated licensee may apply for a special event
2 permit under this chapter. A special event permit shall allow the holder of the
3 permit to:

4 (1) purchase cannabis and cannabis products from a licensed cannabis
5 establishment;

6 (2) transport, process, package, and sell cannabis and cannabis products
7 to attendees of special events;

8 (3) serve cannabis and cannabis products to attendees of special events
9 in an outdoor location.

10 (b) A special event permit shall be valid for the duration of each public
11 event or four days, whichever is shorter.

12 (c) A licensed retailer or integrated licensee may be issued not more than 10
13 special event permits for the same physical location in a calendar year.

14 (d) The Board shall adopt rules concerning special event permits which
15 shall include:

16 (1) limits on the quantity of cannabis and cannabis products that can
17 be provided to each consumer for on-site consumption;

18 (2) procedures to prevent overconsumption by patrons, including
19 training requirements for staff to recognize the signs of overconsumption of
20 cannabis;

1 (3) a requirement that materials are posted on-site regarding the
2 hazards of driving while impaired by cannabis;

3 (4) requirements to ensure that only adults 21 years of age and older
4 are admitted to any areas where cannabis is smoked or vaporized;

5 (5) requirements to be contained in a permit application, including
6 where cannabis is to be served, the quantity of cannabis to be served, and
7 whether individuals under 21 years of age will be present at the event, and
8 whether food, beverages, alcohol, or entertainment is planned for the event.

9 (e) The sale of cannabis and cannabis products to the public pursuant to a
10 special event permit shall be considered to occur at the location of the licensee
11 regardless of the location of the event. Section 863 of this title shall not be
12 construed to prohibit the issuance of a special event permit for an event that is
13 held in a municipality that has not affirmatively voted to allow retailers and
14 integrated licensees to operate within the municipality.

15 Fourth: Sec. X is added to read:

16 Sec. X. IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

17 (a) On or before May, 1, 2024, the Board shall begin accepting
18 applications for special event permits.

19 (b) On or before July 1, 2024, the Board shall begin issuing special event
20 permits to qualified applicants.

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