1	H.819
2	Introduced by Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury and Willhoit of
3	St. Johnsbury
4	Referred to Committee on
5	Date:
6	Subject: Crimes; possession and control of regulated drugs; marijuana
7	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to clarify that a
8	municipality may adopt a nuisance ordinance regarding odors from marijuana
9	consumption on private property.
10 11	An act relating to municipal authority to adopt nuisance ordinances regarding marijuana odor
12	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13	Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4230a is amended to read:
14	§ 4230a. MARIJUANA POSSESSION BY A PERSON 21 YEARS OF AGE
15	OR OLDER
16	* * *
17	(b)(1) Marijuana possessed or consumed in violation of State law is

- 18 contraband pursuant to subsection 4242(d) of this title and subject to seizure
- 19 and forfeiture.

1	(2) This section does not:
2	* * *
3	(D) prohibit a municipality from adopting a civil ordinance to
4	provide additional penalties for consumption of marijuana in a public place or
5	to define as a public nuisance any significant odor that emanates from a
6	person's property due to marijuana consumption on the property;
7	* * *
8	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
9	This act shall take effect on July 2, 2018.