



STATE OF VERMONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Chair, House Committee on Government Operations

From: Rep. Bill Lippert, Chair, House Committee on Health Care

Date: January 30, 2020

Subject: House Health Care Proposal of Amendments to S.54, An act relating to cannabis regulation

Thank you for the invitation to offer health care-related suggestions for inclusion in S.54. The following are the policy changes that the House Committee on Health Care is recommending to the House Committee on Government Operations for consideration:

1. Direct the Cannabis Control Board to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the display and sale of cannabis-related paraphernalia that is sold by persons who are not licensed as a cannabis establishment or a dispensary.
2. Remove the specific warnings regarding the use of cannabis and cannabis products and have the Department of Health develop them. Health warnings for labeling cannabis and cannabis products and advertisements for cannabis establishments would be adopted by the Board through rulemaking. The warnings would be incorporated into flyers provided to customers at point of purchase.
3. Flyers containing warnings regarding the use of cannabis should be offered to customers at the point of purchase, not just posted or available. If a customer chooses not to accept the flyer, the licensee shall inform the customer that the information contained in the flyer is available on the website for the Cannabis Control Board. The flyers shall advise that cannabis is illegal under federal law.
4. When reviewing a cannabis establishment's proposed advertisement prior to publication, the Board shall require any changes necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare or to be consistent with dispensing information for the product under review.

5. Prohibit the addition of flavors to cannabis flower and oil cannabis products that are sold prepackaged for use with battery-powered devices.
6. Clarify that cannabis products that are designed to be more appealing to persons under 21 are prohibited.
7. Require that employees of a cannabis establishment who are directly involved in sales to the public be trained on the health effects of cannabis and cannabis products.
8. Require that the Board consult with the Department of Health when adopting rules that directly address youth access.

Accompanying language is attached.