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2 Senator Harrison moves that the Senate propose to the House that the
3 proposal of amendment of the Committee on Economic Development, Housing
4 and General Affairs be amended as follows:

5 First: By striking out the seventh instance of amendment in its entirety and
6 inserting in lieu thereof a new seventh instance of amendment to read as
7 follows:

8 Seventh: By adding a new section to be Sec. 15a to read as follows:

9 Sec. 15a. CANNABIS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND; CANNABIS
10 SOCIAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP

11 The Cannabis Control Board shall work in consultation with the Vermont
12 Housing and Conservation Board, the Vermont Land Access and Opportunity
13 Board, the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, the Office of Racial Equity, and
14 the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for purpose of
15 making recommendations to the General Assembly regarding a percentage of
16 cannabis excise tax monies that should be appropriated to the Cannabis
17 Business Development Fund for uses as provided pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987.
18 The Cannabis Control Board shall incorporate the recommendations into the
19 Cannabis Social Equity Programs report required pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 989.

1 Second: By striking out the eighth instance of amendment in its entirety
2 and inserting in lieu thereof a new eighth instance of amendment to read as
3 follows:

4 Eighth: In Sec. 16, 7 V.S.A. § 869, in subdivision (f)(2)(A)(ii), after
5 “shall be not larger than” and before “feet as established” by striking out “100”
6 and inserting in lieu thereof 50

7 Third: By striking out the ninth instance of amendment in its entirety and
8 inserting in lieu thereof a new ninth instance of amendment to read as follows:

9 Ninth: By striking out Sec. 18 (effective dates) in its entirety and
10 inserting in lieu thereof new Secs. 18 and 19 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 18. CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD REPORT; SITING OF
12 OUTDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION

13 (a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Cannabis Control Board shall
14 submit to the Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Economic
15 Development, Housing and General Affairs and the House Committees on
16 Government Operations and Military Affairs and on Commerce and Economic
17 Development a report regarding the siting and licensing of outdoor cannabis
18 cultivation. The report shall:

19 (1) summarize the current impact of outdoor cultivation on local
20 municipalities;

1 (2) summarize the impact of establishing various siting requirements to
2 existing licensed outdoor cultivators;

3 (3) address whether and how to authorize municipalities to establish
4 local cultivation districts;

5 (4) address whether and how outdoor cultivation of cannabis should be
6 entitled to the rebuttable presumption that cultivation does not constitute a
7 nuisance under 12 V.S.A. chapter 195; and

8 (5) recommend whether local cannabis control commissions established
9 pursuant to 7 V.S.A. chapter 33 should be granted additional authority to
10 regulate outdoor cannabis cultivators.

11 (b) The Cannabis Control Board shall consult with the Vermont League of
12 Cities and Towns, the Cannabis Equity Coalition, the Vermont Medical
13 Society, the Cannabis Retailers Association of Vermont, and other interested
14 stakeholders in developing the report required under subsection (a) of this
15 section.

16 (c) As part of the report required under subsection (a) of this section, the
17 Cannabis Control Board shall address the impact of modifying the law
18 governing cannabis advertising.

19 Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATES

20 This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

21 (1) Sec. 6, 7 V.S.A. § 910, shall take effect on July 1, 2025; and

- 1 (2) Sec. 16 (setbacks for cannabis cultivation) shall take effect on
- 2 January 1, 2025.