

1 H.634

2 Introduced by Representative Waszazak of Barre City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Cannabis; general provisions; consumption of cannabis in a  
6 prohibited place

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend  
8 various statutes relating to where an individual may consume cannabis to  
9 prohibit the consumption of cannabis solely in places where an individual is  
10 prohibited from consuming tobacco products.

11 An act relating to consumption of cannabis in a prohibited place

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 831 is amended to read:

14 § 831. DEFINITIONS

15 As used in this chapter:

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17 (6) “Public Prohibited place” means ~~any street, alley, park, sidewalk,~~  
18 ~~public building other than individual dwellings, any place of public~~  
19 ~~accommodation as defined in 9 V.S.A. § 4501, and~~ any place where the use or

1 possession of a lighted tobacco product, tobacco product, or tobacco substitute  
2 is prohibited by law pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 37.

3 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 833 is amended to read:

4 § 833. CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS IN A ~~PUBLIC~~ PROHIBITED  
5 PLACE

6 No person shall possess lighted cannabis or cannabis products, or consume  
7 cannabis by inhalation of vapor, in a public prohibited place unless specifically  
8 authorized by law. Violations shall be punished in accordance with 18 V.S.A.  
9 § 4230a.

10 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 4230a is amended to read:

11 § 4230a. CANNABIS POSSESSION BY A PERSON 21 YEARS OF AGE  
12 OR OLDER

13 (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person 21 years of age  
14 or older who possesses one ounce or less of cannabis or five grams or less of  
15 hashish and two mature cannabis plants or fewer or four immature cannabis  
16 plants or fewer or who possesses paraphernalia for cannabis use shall not be  
17 penalized or sanctioned in any manner by the State or any of its political  
18 subdivisions or denied any right or privilege under State law. The one-ounce  
19 limit of cannabis or five grams of hashish that may be possessed by a person  
20 21 years of age or older shall not include cannabis cultivated, harvested, and  
21 stored in accordance with section 4230e of this title.

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~~(2)~~ This section does not:

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