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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1802, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 638, §2, is amended to read:

3-A. Employed counsel. "Employed counsel" means an attorney employed by the commission to provide ~~legal services directly to persons who are eligible to receive~~ indigent legal services in civil proceedings.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §1802, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 638, §3, is amended to read:

5. Public defender. "Public defender" means an attorney employed by the commission to provide ~~legal services directly to persons who are eligible to receive~~ indigent legal services in criminal and juvenile proceedings.

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2023, c. 638, §7, is further amended to read:

A. Develop and maintain a system that employs employed counsel and public defenders, uses appointed private attorneys and contracts with individual attorneys or groups of attorneys to provide high-quality, effective and efficient indigent legal services. The commission shall consider other programs necessary to provide high-quality, effective and efficient indigent legal services;

Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §1806, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Materials, handouts, recordings and other documents produced, obtained or otherwise acquired by the commission in connection with providing or preparing to provide training and evaluation programs for attorneys who are or may seek to become assigned counsel, employed counsel, public defenders or contract counsel. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commission may disseminate materials governed by this paragraph to the extent necessary to comply with its duties under this chapter without waiving the confidentiality of the materials.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4007, sub-§1-A, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 638, §26, is amended to read:

E. The court shall, on request, disclose records that are ~~confidential under this subsection~~ required to be maintained as confidential under this chapter to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 25-A for the purpose of assigning, evaluating or supervising counsel.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 416

H.P. 1281 - L.D. 1920

An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Potentially Intoxicating Hemp Products to a Person Under 21 Years of Age

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there are currently intoxicating hemp products for sale in this State for which there is no legal restriction preventing sale to minor children; and

Whereas, some of those products may be designed or packaged in a manner that a person, including a child, could potentially be led to confuse the intoxicating products for nonintoxicating products typically marketed to children, such as gummies or similar products; and

Whereas, ingestion of intoxicating hemp products by a child can cause harm to the child; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of child safety for the restrictions directed by this legislation to go into effect as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§1-A, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. "Nonintoxicating cannabinoid" means:

(1) Cannabidiol, also known as "CBD";

(2) Tetrahydrocannabivarin, also known as "THCV";

(3) Cannabichromene, also known as "CBC";

(4) Cannabicitran, also known as "CBTC";

(5) Cannabicyclol, also known as "CBL";

(6) Cannabielsoin, also known as "CBE";

(7) Cannabigerol, also known as "CBG";

(8) Cannabidivarin, also known as "CBDV"; and

(9) Cannabinol, also known as "CBN."

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§1-A, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. "Potentially intoxicating cannabinoids" include the following:

- (1) Delta-10-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (2) Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (3) Delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (4) Delta-7-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (5) Delta-6a,10a-tetrahydrocannabinol and its isomers;
- (6) Exo-tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (7) Metabolites of tetrahydrocannabinol, including 11-hydroxy-tetrahydrocannabinol, 3'-hydroxy-tetrahydrocannabinol and 7-hydroxy-delta-tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (8) Hydrogenated forms of tetrahydrocannabinol, including hexahydrocannabinol, hexahydrocannabiphorol and hexahydrocannabihexol;
- (9) Synthetic forms of tetrahydrocannabinol, including dronabinol;
- (10) Ester forms of tetrahydrocannabinol, including delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol-O-acetate, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-O-acetate and hexahydrocannabinol-O-acetate;
- (11) Varin forms of tetrahydrocannabinol, including delta-8-tetrahydrocannabivarin but excluding delta-9-tetrahydrocannabivarin; and
- (12) Analogs of tetrahydrocannabinols with an alkyl chain of 4 or more carbon atoms, including tetrahydrocannabiphorols, tetrahydrocannabioctyls, tetrahydrocannabihexols and tetrahydrocannabutols.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§1-A, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. "Potentially intoxicating hemp product" means any products derived from hemp and ingestible consumer products, including food, food additives, food products and beverages derived from hemp, that in their final forms do not contain:

- (1) A concentration of less than 0.3% potentially intoxicating cannabinoids; and
- (2) A ratio of more than 10:1 of nonintoxicating cannabinoids to potentially intoxicating cannabinoids.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Potentially intoxicating hemp products; prohibited sales. A potentially intoxicating hemp product may not be sold to a person who has not attained 21 years of age.

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Packaging and labeling requirements. This subsection governs packaging and labeling requirements for hemp products.

A. A potentially intoxicating hemp product that is not a beverage, salve or topical product must be packaged in child-resistant and tamper-evident packaging.

B. A hemp product may not be labeled or packaged in violation of a federal trademark law or regulation or in a manner that would cause a reasonable consumer confusion as to whether the item was a different trademarked product.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 24, 2025.

CHAPTER 417

H.P. 356 - L.D. 537

An Act to Prohibit the Doxing of a Minor and to Authorize a Related Civil Action

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4651, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2017, c. 455, §1, is further amended to read:

C. A single act or course of conduct constituting a violation of section 4681; Title 14, section 9102; Title 17, section 2931; or Title 17-A, section 201, 202, 203, 204, 207, 208, 209, 210, 210-A, 211, 253, 254, 255-A, 256, 258, 259-A, 259-B, 260, 261, 282, 283, 301, 302, 303, 506, 506-A, 511, 511-A, 556, 802, 805, 806, 852 or 853.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA c. 765 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 765

DOXING OF MINOR PROHIBITED; CIVIL ACTION AUTHORIZED

§9101. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.