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H.P. 604

House of Representatives, March 7, 2017

An Act To Protect Children from Edible Cannabis Products

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2444, sub-§2, ¶¶G and H,** as enacted by IB 2015, c. 5, §1,
3 are amended to read:

4 G. Security requirements for any licensed premises under this chapter including, at a
5 minimum, lighting, physical security, alarm requirements and other minimum
6 procedures for internal control as determined necessary by the state licensing
7 authority to properly administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter, including
8 reporting requirements for changes, alterations or modifications to the licensed
9 premises. Security requirements may not be unreasonably impracticable; ~~and~~

10 H. Securing and recording permission for a local fire department or the State Fire
11 Marshal to conduct an annual fire inspection of a retail marijuana cultivation facility; ~~and~~
12 and

13 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2444, sub-§2, ¶I** is enacted to read:

14 I. A prohibition on the manufacture, distribution and sale of edible retail marijuana
15 products that are packaged in a manner to look like candy or shaped in a manner that
16 appeals to children, including, but not limited to, edible retail marijuana products in
17 the distinct shape of a human, animal or fruit, but not including edible retail
18 marijuana products in a geometric shape or in the shape of a marijuana leaf or a
19 company logo.

20 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect February 1, 2018.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill amends the Marijuana Legalization Act to require the state licensing
23 authority to develop rules that prohibit the manufacture, distribution and sale of edible
24 retail marijuana products in packaging or shapes that appeal to children. Under current
25 law, the possession of any edible retail marijuana product is prohibited until February 1,
26 2018, so the effective date of this legislation is delayed until then.