

# HOUSE BILL No. 1275

---

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 24-4-22.

**Synopsis:** Sale of hemp containing products. Provides that a person selling certain hemp products may not permit an individual less than 21 years of age to enter the retail premises, and makes a violation a Class C infraction.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

---

---

## Commons, Bascom, Prescott

---

---

January 6, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

---

---



Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## HOUSE BILL No. 1275

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 24-4-22-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.153-2018, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. **(a) This section applies only to low THC hemp extract containing:**

- (1) delta-8 THC;**
- (2) delta-10 THC;**
- (3) hexahydrocannabinol (HHC);**
- (4) tetrahydrocannabinol acetate ester (THCo);**
- (5) tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THCA);**
- (6) tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCp); or**
- (7) tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCv).**

**(a) (b) Except as provided in subsection (b); (f), a person may sell low THC hemp extract to which this section applies at retail only if all of the following apply:**

- (1) The packaging complies with the requirements of IC 24-4-21-4.**
- (2) The person prohibits an individual who is less than**



twenty-one (21) years of age from entering the person's retail establishment.

(3) The person conspicuously displays, on or near every entrance to the person's retail establishment, a sign in boldface type that states "NOTICE: It is unlawful for a person less than twenty-one (21) years old to enter this establishment."

(c) A person that violates this section commits a Class C infraction.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 34-28-5-4(c), a civil judgment for an infraction committed under this section must be imposed as follows:

(1) If the person at that specific business location has not been issued a citation or summons for a violation of this section in the previous one (1) year, a civil penalty of up to four hundred dollars (\$400).

(2) If the person at that specific business location has had one (1) citation or summons issued for a violation of this section in the previous one (1) year, a civil penalty of up to eight hundred dollars (\$800).

(3) If the person at that specific business location has had two (2) citations or summonses issued for a violation of this section in the previous one (1) year, a civil penalty of up to one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400).

(4) If the person at that specific business location has had three (3) or more citations or summonses issued for a violation of this section in the previous one (1) year, a civil penalty of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

A person may not be issued a citation or summons for a violation of this section more than once every twenty-four (24) hours for each specific business location.

(e) The following defenses are available to a person accused of violating subsection (b)(2):

(1) The individual produced a driver's license bearing the individual's photograph showing that the individual was at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(2) The individual produced a photographic identification card issued under IC 9-24-16-1 or a similar card issued under the laws of another state or the federal government showing that the individual was at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(3) The appearance of the individual was such that an ordinary prudent person would believe that the individual



1 was not less than thirty (30) years of age.

2 (4) The individual transported or delivered goods to the  
3 person within the scope of the individual's employment.

4 (f) This section does not prohibit the sale or dispensing of low  
5 THC hemp extract to an individual at least twenty-one (21) years  
6 of age at a pharmacy or health care facility (as defined by  
7 IC 16-18-2-161(a)).

8 (b) Before July 1, 2018, a person may sell low THC hemp extract at  
9 retail even if the packaging does not comply with the requirements of  
10 IC 24-4-21-4.

11 SECTION 2. IC 24-4-22-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
12 2026]. Sec. 4: This section applies after June 30, 2018. A person who  
13 violates section 3 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.  
14 However, the violation is a Class B infraction if the person has one (1)  
15 prior unrelated judgment for a violation of section 3 of this chapter; and  
16 a Class A infraction if the person has two (2) or more prior unrelated  
17 judgments for a violation of section 3 of this chapter. These penalties  
18 are in addition to any criminal penalties that may be imposed for  
19 unlawful possession or distribution of a controlled substance.

