

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.

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Introduced

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

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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:

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

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

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

- 15 **(1) The packaging complies with the requirements of**
16 **IC 24-4-21-4.**
- 17 **(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.

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(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]. See: 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.**

