
THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 2532
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Amended: 5/7/26 in Assembly
Vote: 27

SENATE BUS., PROF. & ECON. DEV. COMMITTEE: 10-0, 6/8/26

AYES: Wahab, Choi, Archuleta, Arreguín, Caballero, Grayson, Menjivar, Niello,
Smallwood-Cuevas, Strickland

NO VOTE RECORDED: Umberg

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 71-0, 5/11/26 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Cannabis: labels, packaging, and manufacturing

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill requires edible cannabis products and cannabis beverages to include the toll-free telephone number for the national Poison Help line on labels and inserts and requires cannabis beverage products with multiple servings to contain specified information and markers related to the serving sizes, as specified.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Establishes the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) to regulate the cultivation, distribution, transport, storage, manufacturing, processing, and sale of both medicinal cannabis and adult-use cannabis. (Business and Professions Code (BPC) § 26000)
- 2) Establishes the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC), under the jurisdiction, of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, to administer and

regulate provisions of MAUCRSA. (BPC § 26010)

- 3) Requires all cannabis or cannabis products purchased by a customer to be placed in an opaque package prior to leaving a licensed retail premises. (BPC § 26070.1)
- 4) Requires cannabis and cannabis products to be labeled and placed in a tamper-evident, child-resistant package and include a unique identifier for the purposes of identifying and tracking prior to delivery or sale at a retailer. Requires package must be re-sealable if the product contains more than one serving. (BPC § 26120(a))
- 5) Prohibits cannabis product packaging and labels from being attractive to children. (BPC § 26120(b))
- 6) Requires all cannabis and cannabis products labels and inserts to include the following information displayed in clear and legible fashion in accordance with requirements, including font size, prescribed by the DCC.

This bill:

- 1) Requires additional labeling information on an edible cannabis product or cannabis beverage product to include the toll-free telephone number for the national poison Help line.
- 2) Requires the label on a cannabis beverage containing more than one serving to clearly and conspicuously provide a print notice to consumers that the product contains multiple servings along with information how to accurately measure a single serving for consumption.
- 3) Requires for licensed manufacturers of cannabis products that cannabis beverage product containers, comprising of more than one serving, feature unobstructed and conspicuous lines delineating individual or portion sizes.
- 4) Requires a consumer to be offered at the time of purchase, a measuring instrument or device that allows a consumer to measure a single serving for consumption of a cannabis beverage with more than one serving. The measuring instrument is to be free of charge to the consumer.

- 5) Prohibits a licensed or unlicensed individual engaged in commercial cannabis activity from advertising or marketing cannabis beverage products containing multiple servings as single-serve products or otherwise encourage consumption of multiple servings within a cannabis beverage at one time.

Comments

Department of Cannabis Control (DCC). Today, the DCC is the lead agency responsible for oversight of the regulated cannabis market. DCC has both licensing and enforcement authority related to all commercial cannabis in California, including authority to act against unlicensed cannabis activities and take enforcement actions against any licensee who violates the provisions of MAUCRSA, including for violations of marketing or advertising restrictions. The DCC is vested with authority to make reasonable rules and regulations necessary to implement, enforce, and administer its duties as specified in MAUCRSA. The DCC licenses over 20 license types including laboratories, cultivators, manufacturers, retailers, cannabis event organizers, processors, and distributors. Cannabis in California is regulated from seed to sale including the growing, distribution, and testing of cannabis products.

Labeling and Packaging Requirements for Cannabis. There are strict labeling and packaging requirements for cannabis and cannabis products. Language enacted as part of the original Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA) established standards for cannabis packaging and labeling, including specific cautionary statements. Proposition 64 (Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA)) then codified nearly identical language for its own mandated label content, with a handful of minor variations reconciled when SB 94 merged MCRSA and AUMA into MAUCRSA. Under current law, all cannabis labels must display the following statement in bold print:

GOVERNMENT WARNING: THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS CANNABIS, A SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN AND ANIMALS. CANNABIS PRODUCTS MAY ONLY BE POSSESSED OR CONSUMED BY PERSONS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER UNLESS THE PERSON IS A QUALIFIED PATIENT. THE INTOXICATING EFFECTS OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS MAY BE DELAYED UP TO TWO HOURS. CANNABIS USE WHILE PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING MAY BE HARMFUL. CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE AND OPERATE MACHINERY. PLEASE USE EXTREME CAUTION.

For cannabis products, the label must display:

GOVERNMENT WARNING: THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS CANNABIS, A SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN AND ANIMALS. CANNABIS PRODUCTS MAY ONLY BE POSSESSED OR CONSUMED BY PERSONS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER UNLESS THE PERSON IS A QUALIFIED PATIENT. THE INTOXICATING EFFECTS OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS MAY BE DELAYED UP TO TWO HOURS. CANNABIS USE WHILE PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING MAY BE HARMFUL. CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE AND OPERATE MACHINERY. PLEASE USE EXTREME CAUTION.

In addition to the above statements, MAUCRSA requires certain information about the product's ingredients and contents to be listed, as well as information associated with a unique identifier number for purposes of tracking the cannabis goods. If the product utilizes a vaporizer, it must include the recycle symbol and all cannabis products are required to display the universal symbol developed by the DCC through regulations. MAUCRSA also authorizes the DCC to set its own additional requirements for cannabis packaging and labeling. Regulations promulgated by the DCC and its predecessors have incorporated additional labeling standards. For example, all labels must be "unobstructed and conspicuous" in at least 6-point type size and must be written in English. If the cannabis product is edible, the regulations require specific information about potential allergens in the product, the names of any artificial colorings, and any sugar, carbohydrates, and total fat per serving.

This bill proposes to mandate that all cannabis and cannabis product labels include the toll-free number for the national Poison Help line. According to information from the California Department of Public Health *Cannabis Poison Control System Calls Dashboard*, between 2016-2024, the total number of calls to the California Poison Control System increased by 162% where the largest increases in those calls was seen in cannabis exposure among children aged five and under. Four other states require a similar poison control hotline number be marked on a label including New Mexico, Washington, Vermont and New Jersey. Michigan requires the poison control hotline information to be contained in a pamphlet provided at the time of sale.

Under MAUCRSA, cannabis beverages are defined as a “form of edible cannabis product that is intended to be consumed in its final state as a beverage.” All cannabis beverages are required to abide by the same labeling requirements as all other cannabis and cannabis products but are authorized to be packaged in containers that are clear or any color. Because Cannabis beverage products often contain more than one serving in a container, this bill proposes to implement recommendations from the California State Auditor’s report by requiring a cannabis beverage container that includes more than one serving to feature unobstructed and conspicuous line(s) delineating the individual and serving size. Additionally, this bill will require manufactures of cannabis beverage products containing more than one serving, to offer the consumer at the time of purchase a free measuring instrument or device that will allow the consumer to measure a single serving. Lastly, this bill would prohibit a licensed or unlicensed individual from advertising or marketing a cannabis beverage product as a “single serving” product if the beverage contains more than one serving.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/23/26)

California Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
Public Health Institute
Youth Forward

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/23/26)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: Supporters note generally that this bill will help address challenges of cannabis beverage products and unintentional excessive THC exposure to children.

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 71-0, 5/11/26

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Ramos, Ransom, Rogers, Blanca Rubio,

Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia,
Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Zbur, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Arambula, Gallagher, Lowenthal, Quirk-Silva, Celeste
Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Solache, Soria, Wilson

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