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Information Sheet – Overview of Connecticut Cannabis Legalization Law PA 21-1

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Public Safety

Regulatory Component	Detail & Citation
Local Authority/Local Options	<p>Municipalities must hold a referendum on whether to allow certain cannabis sales if 10% of electors petition for a vote at least 60 days before a regular election. These votes may determine: 1) whether to allow the sale of adult-use marijuana in that municipality or 2) the sale of adult-use cannabis in one or more of the cannabis establishment types. PA 21-1 Sec 83</p> <p>The law bars municipalities from prohibiting cannabis delivery services as long as they are by an entity authorized under the law PA 21-1 Sec 83 (b)</p>
Tracking System Requirements (Traceability)	<p>“The commissioner shall require each cannabis establishment to use an electronic tracking system to monitor the production, harvesting, storage, manufacturing, packaging, and labeling, processing, transport, transfer and sale of cannabis from the point of cannabis cultivation inception through the point when the final product is sold to a consumer, qualifying patient, caregiver, research program or otherwise disposed of...” PA 21-1 Sec 56</p>
Testing Requirements	<p>Yes – to be developed in rulemaking PA 21-1 Sec 32</p>
Facility Requirements	<p>Yes – to be developed in rulemaking PA 21-1 Sec 32</p>
Employee Training	<p>No specific training requirements delineated for staff selling or dispensing cannabis to consumers.</p>
Driving Under the Influence	<p>No per se limit. “A person commits the offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both if such person operates a motor vehicle (1) while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both, or (2) while such person has an elevated blood alcohol content.” PA 21-1 Sec 116 (a)</p>
Open Container in Vehicle	<p>Not allowed. The law states that in a vehicle, personal amounts of cannabis must be kept in a locked glovebox or trunk https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/Knowledge-Base/Articles/When-cannabis-becomes-legal?language=en_US</p>

Link to full Public Act 21-1: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/pdf/2021PA-00001-R00SB-01201SS1-PA.pdf>

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Placement & Access

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Public Use	<p>Public use is generally prohibited wherever public use of combustible tobacco and ENDS is prohibited. PA 21-1 Sec 86</p> <p>*Municipalities with populations of over 50,000, must include in their municipal regulations pertaining to cannabis on municipality-owned properties, a designation of a place in the municipality where public consumption is permitted. Such provisions may prohibit the consumption of cannabis in outdoor sections of restaurants or similar settings.” PA 21-1 Sec 84 (H) (xvi)</p>
Possession Limits	<p>Individuals are allowed to possess up to 1.5 oz. on their person, and up to 5 oz. of cannabis plant material in a locked container at such person's residence or a locked glove box or trunk of such person's motor vehicle. PA 21-1 Sec 3 (a)</p>
Prohibition on Underage Use	<p>Possession and purchasing of cannabis by individuals under the age of 21 is prohibited PA 21-1 Sec 3 (b)</p>
License Restrictions and Allocations	<p>There are no limits on licenses per person or entity stated in the law. The law states individuals must be 21 or older to hold cannabis establishment license or be a backer or key employee. PA 21-1 Sec 3</p>
Density and Restrictions on Locations	<p>There are no density limits stated in the law.</p>
Expanded Privileges and Access (Home Grows, Internet Sales, Home Delivery, Social/On-Site consumption)	<p>Home grows – Medical cannabis patients can grow up to 3 mature plants and 3 immature plants starting October 1, 2021: with a cap of 12 total plants per household. All other adults can grow under same limits beginning July 1, 2023 https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/Knowledge-Base/Categories/Basic-Information-and-the-Law/Home-Grow?language=en_US</p> <p>Delivery is a service allowed in the law. PA 21-1 Sec 41</p> <p>Internet sales and on-site consumption – There is no language in the law stating that either of these are allowable.</p>

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Product & Potency

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Prohibited Products	Products prohibited in the law include products with added flavoring, terpenes, or other additives (unless approved by the department); cannabis products that include nicotine; and cannabis product types that appeal to children. PA 21-1 Sec 32
Potency and THC Limits	Establishments selling non-medical cannabis products are prohibited from selling cannabis flower or plant material with concentrations of over 30% THC, and cannabis products other than flower or plant material with concentrations of over 60%. Does not apply to pre-filled cartridges for electronic delivery devices. These percentages can be changed in rulemaking. PA 21-1 Sec 32
Packaging	Packaging for cannabis products must be child-resistant, opaque, and edibles must be individually wrapped. PA 21-1 Sec 32 (5) The law doesn't allow the department to register cannabis brands that are confusingly similar to existing non-cannabis products, including those customarily associated with persons under the age of 21. PA 21-1 Sec 33 (13) (c)
Labeling	Requirements for the labeling of cannabis products Includes: universal symbol for cannabis products; disclosure for length of time it typically takes for the product to affect an individual, notation of the amount of cannabis the cannabis product is equivalent to; list of ingredients and all additives; product tracking information; net weight statement; recommended "use-by" or expiration date; amounts of THC and CBD clearly marked on packaging or label of all cannabis products sold. PA 21-1 Sec 32 (5)
Required Warning Statements	The law does not have a specific requirement for health and safety warning on products, however there is a requirement for the following statement in advertising from cannabis operators: "Do not use cannabis if you are under twenty-one years of age. Keep cannabis out of the reach of children." PA 21-1 Sec 33 (13) (b)

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Promotion & Advertising

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Advertising Restrictions: General	Content restrictions for advertising – Advertising cannot appeal to, or target, individuals under the age of 21. There are restrictions on advertising in media, locations, and events where more than 10% of audience is under 21. No health claims are allowed in cannabis advertising. PA 21-1 Sec 33
Prohibited Locations, Buffer Zones	No advertising of cannabis or cannabis paraphernalia visible within 500 feet of an elementary or secondary school ground, recreation center or facility, childcare center, playground, public park, or library. PA 21-1 Sec 33 (6)
Outdoor Limits, Billboards, Windows	Cannabis establishments shall not: “Engage in advertising by means of television, radio, Internet, mobile applications, social media, or other electronic communication, billboard or other outdoor signage, or print publication unless the advertiser has reliable evidence that at least ninety per cent of the audience for the advertisement is reasonably expected to be twenty-one years of age or older. PA 21-1 Sec 33 (2)
Promotions, Sponsorships	There are restrictions for the display or promotion and sponsorships based on audience in the setting. For a given setting, there cannot be more than 10% of in-person or viewing audience under the legal age to purchase cannabis. PA 21-1 Sec 33 (5)

Taxes

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Taxes Imposed	<p>Taxes on cannabis material and products, as described in the law, are as follows PA 21-1 Sec 125 (b) (1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.625 cents per milligram of total THC for cannabis plant material; • 2.75 cents per milligram of total THC for cannabis edible products • 0.9 cents per milligram of total THC for other cannabis products

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