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A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 2-501, 2-503, 1 2-505, 2-515, and 28-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2 3 2024; to redefine hemp under the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act; to define terms; to provide an excise tax for certain cannabidiol 4 5 products; to prohibit conduct relating to hemp other than cannabidiol products as prescribed; to provide a period of time for 6 7 compliance with certain hemp-related prohibitions; to change 8 provisions relating to transportation of hemp; to provide for 9 regulation of cannabidiol products; to define and redefine terms in 10 the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to harmonize provisions; and 11 to repeal the original sections.

Section 1. Section 2-501, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

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- 2 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 2-501 Sections 2-501 to 2-518 and section 3 of this act shall be
- 4 known and may be cited as the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. Section 2-503, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024,
- 6 is amended to read:
- 7 2-503 For purposes of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act:
- 8 (1) Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 means section 10113 of the
- 9 federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, Public Law 115-334, and any
- 10 regulations adopted and promulgated under such section, as such section,
- 11 act, and regulations existed on January 1, 2024;
- 12 (2) Cannabidiol product means a finished hemp consumer product that:
- 13 (a) Contains, as a primary ingredient, cannabidiol extracted or
- 14 <u>derived from hemp;</u>
- 15 (b) Complies with the THC limits provided in subdivision (5)(a)(ii)
- 16 of this section; and
- 17 (c) Does not contain any cannabinoids created through chemical
- 18 conversion, modification, or synthesis, including, but not limited to,
- 19 <u>hexahydrocannabinol;</u>
- 20 (3) (2) Cultivate or cultivating means planting, watering, growing,
- 21 and harvesting a hemp plant or crop. The presence of plants of the plant
- 22 Cannabis sativa L. growing as uncultivated, naturalized plants in the
- 23 environment is not cultivating hemp for purposes of the Nebraska Hemp
- 24 Farming Act;
- 25 (4) Federally compliant hemp means hemp that complies with the
- 26 requirements of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- 27 (5)(a) (3) Hemp means the plant Cannabis sativa L. and any part of
- 28 such plant, including the viable seeds of such plant and all derivatives,
- 29 extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers,
- 30 whether growing or not, that complies with the following THC limits:
- 31 (i) For raw hemp, a total THC with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol

1 concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis; and -

- 2 (ii) For processed hemp, including cannabidiol products, not more
- 3 than the lesser of:
- 4 (A) A total THC concentration of 0.3 percent on a total weight
- 5 <u>basis; or</u>
- 6 (B) Ten milligrams of total THC per package.
- 7 (b) Hemp includes cannabidiol products.
- 8 <u>(c) Hemp does not include the mature stalks of the plant Cannabis</u>
- 9 sativa L.; fiber produced from such stalks; oil or cake made from the
- 10 <u>seeds of such plant; any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative,</u>
- 11 <u>mixture</u>, or preparation of such mature stalks; or the sterilized seed of
- 12 <u>such plant that is incapable of germination</u> Hemp shall be considered an
- 13 agricultural commodity. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, hemp
- 14 shall not be considered a controlled substance under the Uniform
- 15 Controlled Substances Act;
- 16 (6) (4) Person means an individual, partnership, corporation,
- 17 limited liability company, association, postsecondary institution, or
- 18 other legal entity;
- 19 <u>(7) Raw hemp means hemp that has been harvested and dried but is</u>
- 20 <u>otherwise unprocessed;</u>
- 21 (8) (5) State-program-licensed hemp producer means a person licensed
- 22 under a USDA-approved state or tribal program as authorized under the
- 23 Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 and includes the authorized employees
- 24 or agents of such person;
- 25 (9) THC means tetrahydrocannabinol;
- 26 (10) THC concentration refers to the concentration of THC as
- 27 <u>measured through procedures that use post-decarboxylation or other</u>
- 28 similarly reliable measures to account for any chemical precursors to
- 29 cannabinoids, including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid. Such chemical
- 30 precursors, including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, shall be included in
- 31 the total THC concentration measurement;

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- 1 (11) (6) USDA means the United States Department of Agriculture; and
- 2 (12) (7) USDA-licensed hemp producer means a person licensed by the
- 3 USDA to produce hemp as provided in 7 C.F.R. part 990, subpart C, as such
- 4 regulations existed on January 1, 2024, and includes the authorized
- 5 employees or agents of such person.
- 6 Sec. 3. (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, an excise tax shall be
- 7 levied on the retail sale of cannabidiol products to consumers. The tax
- 8 <u>shall be at a rate of ten percent of the retail purchase price.</u>
- 9 (2) The excise tax imposed by this section shall be in addition to
- 10 all other occupation or privilege taxes imposed by this state or by any
- 11 political subdivision of the state.
- 12 (3) Each retail seller of cannabidiol products shall maintain
- 13 complete and accurate electronic records of sales of cannabidiol
- 14 products, in the manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Such
- 15 <u>seller shall provide such records to the department upon request.</u>
- 16 <u>(4)(a) Each retail seller of cannabidiol products shall file a</u>
- 17 return with the department by the twentieth day of the month following
- 18 the month reported and with the report shall remit the amount of excise
- 19 <u>tax due.</u>
- 20 (b) The return, which shall be upon forms prescribed and furnished
- 21 by the department, shall contain, among other things, the total amount of
- 22 cannabidiol products sold or transferred during the preceding month and
- 23 the amount of tax due thereon.
- 24 (c) The department may require retail sellers to file tax returns
- 25 electronically and to remit payments due by electronic funds transfers.
- 26 (5) The department shall collect the excise tax and shall account
- 27 for and remit to the State Treasurer at least once each month all money
- 28 collected pursuant to such tax for credit to the Property Tax Credit Cash
- 29 <u>Fund</u>.
- 30 Sec. 4. Section 2-505, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024,
- 31 is amended to read:

1 2-505 (1)(a) This subsection applies to hemp other than cannabidiol

- 2 products.
- 3 (b) Hemp shall not be cultivated, possessed, handled, transported,
- 4 processed, used, sold, or consumed in this state, except as provided in
- 5 this subsection.
- 6 (c) Federally compliant hemp (1) Hemp may be cultivated in this
- 7 state by a USDA-licensed hemp producer, in accordance with such
- 8 producer's USDA-issued license, or by a state-program-licensed hemp
- 9 producer, in accordance with such producer's license under a USDA-
- 10 approved tribal program.
- 11 $\frac{\text{(d)}}{\text{(2)}}$ Hemp may only be transported pursuant to section 2-515.
- 12 (2) Any cannabidiol product shall be possessed, handled,
- 13 <u>transported</u>, <u>used</u>, <u>sold</u>, <u>and consumed in accordance with:</u>
- 14 (a) The Nebraska Pure Food Act; and
- 15 (b) The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.,
- 16 and any regulations adopted and promulgated under such act, as such act
- 17 and regulations existed on January 1, 2025.
- 18 (3)(a) For purposes of this subsection:
- 19 (i) Consumer safe harbor period means the period of time beginning
- 20 on the effective date of this act and ending on December 31, 2025; and
- 21 (ii) Illegal hemp means hemp, hemp products, or cannabidiol products
- 22 that do not comply with the THC limits provided in subdivision (5)(a) of
- 23 section 2-503 or, except as provided in subdivision (3)(d) of this
- 24 section, that are otherwise not lawful under the Nebraska Hemp Farming
- 25 Act.
- 26 (b) An individual consumer shall not be subject to prosecution for
- 27 possession of illegal hemp during the consumer safe harbor period.
- 28 (c) The Attorney General may coordinate with law enforcement
- 29 agencies to establish appropriate locations where, during the consumer
- 30 safe harbor period, consumers may drop off illegal hemp for destruction
- 31 without prosecution for transporting or handling such illegal hemp for

- 1 destruction.
- 2 (d) This subsection does not prevent prosecution for the
- 3 cultivation, possession, handling, transportation, processing, use, sale,
- 4 or other distribution of raw materials or products with a delta-9 THC
- 5 concentration of more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.
- 6 Sec. 5. Section 2-515, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024,
- 7 is amended to read:
- 8 2-515 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, any
- 9 USDA-licensed hemp producer or state-program-licensed hemp producer
- 10 transporting hemp shall carry with the hemp being transported a copy of
- 11 the USDA license or state program license under which it was cultivated
- 12 and a copy of the test results pertaining to each lot of hemp being
- 13 transported.
- 14 (2) A USDA-licensed hemp producer or state-program-licensed hemp
- 15 producer under a USDA-approved tribal program cultivating hemp in this
- 16 state shall maintain a record of shipments of hemp shipped from or
- 17 received by such producer. Such record shall, for each shipment of hemp,
- 18 indicate the date of shipment, identify the point of origin and
- 19 destination, identify the name of the person sending and receiving the
- 20 shipment, and include the vehicle identification number of the vehicle
- 21 transporting the hemp.
- 22 (3) Any USDA-licensed hemp producer or state-program-licensed hemp
- 23 producer transporting hemp cultivated under such producer's USDA license
- 24 or state program license shall not be required to carry a copy of the
- 25 test results relating to such hemp as provided in subsection (1) of this
- 26 section if such producer carries with the hemp being transported a copy
- 27 of the applicable USDA license or state program license and is
- 28 transporting:
- 29 (a) Hemp between two registered sites listed on the producer's USDA
- 30 or state program license application;
- 31 (b) Samples of hemp for testing to determine the

- 1 tetrahydrocannabinol level; or
- 2 (c) Live hemp plants to a registered site listed on the producer's
- 3 USDA or state program license application prior to cultivating such hemp
- 4 plants.
- 5 <u>(4) Federally compliant hemp may be transported in interstate</u>
- 6 <u>commerce for any lawful purpose</u> (4) Any person who is carrying or
- 7 transporting hemp who is not a USDA-licensed hemp producer or state-
- 8 program-licensed hemp producer shall only carry or transport hemp if such
- 9 hemp meets the following requirements:
- 10 (a) The hemp is carried or transported with a bill of lading stating
- 11 the owner of the hemp, the point of origin of the hemp, and the
- 12 destination of the hemp; and
- 13 (b) The hemp is carried or transported with a copy of the valid USDA
- 14 or state program license under which the hemp was cultivated;
- 15 (c) The hemp is carried or transported with a copy of the test
- 16 results pertaining to each lot of hemp being transported; and
- 17 (b) (d) The hemp is not unloaded or in any way removed from the
- 18 vehicle transporting such hemp unless authorized by state or federal law
- 19 enforcement.
- 20 (5) No person shall transport or carry hemp in this state
- 21 concurrently with any other plant material that is not hemp.
- 22 Sec. 6. Section 28-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 23 2024, is amended to read:
- 24 28-401 As used in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, unless the
- 25 context otherwise requires:
- 26 (1) Administer means to directly apply a controlled substance by
- 27 injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means to the body of a
- 28 patient or research subject;
- 29 (2) Agent means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the
- 30 direction of another person but does not include a common or contract
- 31 carrier, public warehouse keeper, or employee of a carrier or warehouse

- 1 keeper;
- 2 (3) Administration means the Drug Enforcement Administration of the
- 3 United States Department of Justice;
- 4 (4) Controlled substance means a drug, biological, substance, or
- 5 immediate precursor in Schedules I through V of section 28-405.
- 6 Controlled substance does not include distilled spirits, wine, malt
- 7 beverages, tobacco, hemp, or any nonnarcotic substance if such substance
- 8 may, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 301 et
- 9 seq., as such act existed on January 1, 2014, and the law of this state,
- 10 be lawfully sold over the counter without a prescription;
- 11 (5) Counterfeit substance means a controlled substance which, or the
- 12 container or labeling of which, without authorization, bears the
- 13 trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint, number, or
- 14 device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, distributor, or
- 15 dispenser other than the person or persons who in fact manufactured,
- 16 distributed, or dispensed such substance and which thereby falsely
- 17 purports or is represented to be the product of, or to have been
- 18 distributed by, such other manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser;
- 19 (6) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;
- 20 (7) Division of Drug Control means the personnel of the Nebraska
- 21 State Patrol who are assigned to enforce the Uniform Controlled
- 22 Substances Act;
- 23 (8) Dispense means to deliver a controlled substance to an ultimate
- 24 user or a research subject pursuant to a medical order issued by a
- 25 practitioner authorized to prescribe, including the packaging, labeling,
- 26 or compounding necessary to prepare the controlled substance for such
- 27 delivery;
- 28 (9) Distribute means to deliver other than by administering or
- 29 dispensing a controlled substance;
- 30 (10) Prescribe means to issue a medical order;
- 31 (11) Drug means (a) articles recognized in the official United

- 1 States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United
- 2 States, official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them,
- 3 (b) substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation,
- 4 treatment, or prevention of disease in human beings or animals, and (c)
- 5 substances intended for use as a component of any article specified in
- 6 subdivision (a) or (b) of this subdivision, but does not include devices
- 7 or their components, parts, or accessories;
- 8 (12) Deliver or delivery means the actual, constructive, or
- 9 attempted transfer from one person to another of a controlled substance,
- 10 whether or not there is an agency relationship;
- 11 (13) Hemp has the same meaning as in section 2-503;
- 12 (14)(a) Marijuana means all parts of the plant of the genus
- 13 cannabis, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, and every compound,
- 14 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant or
- 15 its seeds.
- 16 (b) Marijuana does not include:
- 17 (i) The the mature stalks of such plant; τ
- 18 <u>(ii) Hashish;</u>
- 19 (iii) Tetrahydrocannabinols hashish, tetrahydrocannabinols extracted
- 20 or isolated from the plant; τ
- 21 <u>(iv) Fiber fiber produced from such stalks; 7</u>
- 22 (v) 0il oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant; $_T$
- 23 (vi) Any any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture,
- 24 or preparation of such mature stalks; τ
- 25 <u>(vii) The</u> the sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of
- 26 germination; or , or
- 27 (viii) Cannabidiol cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved
- 28 by the federal Food and Drug Administration.
- 29 (c) Marijuana <u>includes</u> does not include hemp, except for hemp
- 30 possessed in compliance with the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act.
- 31 (d) When the weight of marijuana is referred to in the Uniform

- 1 Controlled Substances Act, it means its weight at or about the time it is
- 2 seized or otherwise comes into the possession of law enforcement
- 3 authorities, whether cured or uncured at that time;
- 4 (15) Manufacture means the production, preparation, propagation,
- 5 conversion, or processing of a controlled substance, either directly or
- 6 indirectly, by extraction from substances of natural origin,
- 7 independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of
- 8 extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or
- 9 repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its container.
- 10 Manufacture does not include the preparation or compounding of a
- 11 controlled substance by an individual for his or her own use, except for
- 12 the preparation or compounding of components or ingredients used for or
- 13 intended to be used for the manufacture of methamphetamine, or the
- 14 preparation, compounding, conversion, packaging, or labeling of a
- 15 controlled substance: (a) By a practitioner as an incident to his or her
- 16 prescribing, administering, or dispensing of a controlled substance in
- 17 the course of his or her professional practice; or (b) by a practitioner,
- 18 or by his or her authorized agent under his or her supervision, for the
- 19 purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching, or chemical
- 20 analysis and not for sale;
- 21 (16) Narcotic drug means any of the following, whether produced
- 22 directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable origin,
- 23 independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of
- 24 extraction and chemical synthesis: (a) Opium, opium poppy and poppy
- 25 straw, coca leaves, and opiates; (b) a compound, manufacture, salt,
- 26 derivative, or preparation of opium, coca leaves, or opiates; or (c) a
- 27 substance and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, or preparation
- 28 thereof which is chemically equivalent to or identical with any of the
- 29 substances referred to in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subdivision,
- 30 except that the words narcotic drug as used in the Uniform Controlled
- 31 Substances Act does not include decocainized coca leaves or extracts of

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- 1 coca leaves, which extracts do not contain cocaine or ecgonine, or
- 2 isoquinoline alkaloids of opium;
- 3 (17) Opiate means any substance having an addiction-forming or
- 4 addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of
- 5 conversion into a drug having such addiction-forming or addiction-
- 6 sustaining liability. Opiate does not include the dextrorotatory isomer
- 7 of 3-methoxy-n methylmorphinan and its salts. Opiate includes its racemic
- 8 and levorotatory forms;
- 9 (18) Opium poppy means the plant of the species Papaver somniferum
- 10 L., except the seeds thereof;
- 11 (19) Poppy straw means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium
- 12 poppy after mowing;
- 13 (20) Person means any corporation, association, partnership, limited
- 14 liability company, or one or more persons;
- 15 (21) Practitioner means a physician, a physician assistant, a
- 16 dentist, a veterinarian, a pharmacist, a podiatrist, an optometrist, a
- 17 certified nurse midwife, a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a
- 18 nurse practitioner, a scientific investigator, a pharmacy, a hospital, or
- 19 any other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to
- 20 distribute, dispense, prescribe, conduct research with respect to, or
- 21 administer a controlled substance in the course of practice or research
- 22 in this state, including an emergency medical service as defined in
- 23 section 38-1207;
- 24 (22) Production includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation, or
- 25 harvesting of a controlled substance;
- 26 (23) Immediate precursor means a substance which is the principal
- 27 compound commonly used or produced primarily for use and which is an
- 28 immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be used in the
- 29 manufacture of a controlled substance, the control of which is necessary
- 30 to prevent, curtail, or limit such manufacture;
- 31 (24) State means the State of Nebraska;

- 1 (25) Ultimate user means a person who lawfully possesses a
- 2 controlled substance for his or her own use, for the use of a member of
- 3 his or her household, or for administration to an animal owned by him or
- 4 her or by a member of his or her household;
- 5 (26) Hospital has the same meaning as in section 71-419;
- 6 (27) Cooperating individual means any person, other than a
- 7 commissioned law enforcement officer, who acts on behalf of, at the
- 8 request of, or as agent for a law enforcement agency for the purpose of
- 9 gathering or obtaining evidence of offenses punishable under the Uniform
- 10 Controlled Substances Act;
- 11 (28) Cannabidiol product has the same meaning as in section 2-503;
- 12 (29)(a) (28)(a) Hashish or concentrated cannabis means (i) the
- 13 separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from a plant of the
- 14 genus cannabis or (ii) any material, preparation, mixture, compound, or
- 15 other substance which contains ten percent or more by weight of
- 16 tetrahydrocannabinols.
- 17 (b) When resins extracted from hemp as defined in section 2-503 are
- 18 in the possession of a person as authorized under the Nebraska Hemp
- 19 Farming Act, they are not considered hashish or concentrated cannabis for
- 20 purposes of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.
- 21 (c) Hashish or concentrated cannabis does not include <u>any</u>
- 22 <u>cannabidiol product or cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved</u>
- 23 by the federal Food and Drug Administration;
- 24 (30) (29) Exceptionally hazardous drug means (a) a narcotic drug,
- 25 (b) thiophene analog of phencyclidine, (c) phencyclidine, (d)
- 26 amobarbital, (e) secobarbital, (f) pentobarbital, (g) amphetamine, or (h)
- 27 methamphetamine;
- 28 (31) (30) Imitation controlled substance means a substance which is
- 29 not a controlled substance or controlled substance analogue but which, by
- 30 way of express or implied representations and consideration of other
- 31 relevant factors including those specified in section 28-445, would lead

- 1 a reasonable person to believe the substance is a controlled substance or
- 2 controlled substance analogue. A placebo or registered investigational
- 3 drug manufactured, distributed, possessed, or delivered in the ordinary
- 4 course of practice or research by a health care professional shall not be
- 5 deemed to be an imitation controlled substance;
- 6 (32)(a) (31)(a) Controlled substance analogue means a substance (i)
- 7 the chemical structure of which is substantially similar to the chemical
- 8 structure of a Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substance as provided
- 9 in section 28-405 or (ii) which has a stimulant, depressant, analgesic,
- 10 or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system that is
- 11 substantially similar to or greater than the stimulant, depressant,
- 12 analgesic, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of a
- 13 Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substance as provided in section
- 14 28-405. A controlled substance analogue shall, to the extent intended for
- 15 human consumption, be treated as a controlled substance under Schedule I
- of section 28-405 for purposes of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act;
- 17 and
- 18 (b) Controlled substance analogue does not include (i) a controlled
- 19 substance, (ii) any substance generally recognized as safe and effective
- 20 within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C.
- 21 301 et seq., as such act existed on January 1, 2014, (iii) any substance
- 22 for which there is an approved new drug application, or (iv) with respect
- 23 to a particular person, any substance if an exemption is in effect for
- 24 investigational use for that person, under section 505 of the Federal
- 25 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 355, as such section existed on
- 26 January 1, 2014, to the extent conduct with respect to such substance is
- 27 pursuant to such exemption;
- 28 (33) (32) Anabolic steroid means any drug or hormonal substance,
- 29 chemically and pharmacologically related to testosterone (other than
- 30 estrogens, progestins, and corticosteroids), that promotes muscle growth
- 31 and includes any controlled substance in Schedule III(d) of section

- 1 28-405. Anabolic steroid does not include any anabolic steroid which is
- 2 expressly intended for administration through implants to cattle or other
- 3 nonhuman species and has been approved by the Secretary of Health and
- 4 Human Services for such administration, but if any person prescribes,
- 5 dispenses, or distributes such a steroid for human use, such person shall
- 6 be considered to have prescribed, dispensed, or distributed an anabolic
- 7 steroid within the meaning of this subdivision;
- 8 (34) (33) Chart order means an order for a controlled substance
- 9 issued by a practitioner for a patient who is in the hospital where the
- 10 chart is stored or for a patient receiving detoxification treatment or
- 11 maintenance treatment pursuant to section 28-412. Chart order does not
- 12 include a prescription;
- 13 (35) (34) Medical order means a prescription, a chart order, or an
- order for pharmaceutical care issued by a practitioner;
- 15 (36) (35) Prescription means an order for a controlled substance
- 16 issued by a practitioner. Prescription does not include a chart order;
- 17 <u>(37)</u> (36) Registrant means any person who has a controlled
- 18 substances registration issued by the state or the Drug Enforcement
- 19 Administration of the United States Department of Justice;
- 20 (38) (37) Reverse distributor means a person whose primary function
- 21 is to act as an agent for a pharmacy, wholesaler, manufacturer, or other
- 22 entity by receiving, inventorying, and managing the disposition of
- 23 outdated, expired, or otherwise nonsaleable controlled substances;
- 24 (39) (38) Signature means the name, word, or mark of a person
- 25 written in his or her own hand with the intent to authenticate a writing
- or other form of communication or a digital signature which complies with
- 27 section 86-611 or an electronic signature;
- 28 (40) (39) Facsimile means a copy generated by a system that encodes
- 29 a document or photograph into electrical signals, transmits those signals
- 30 over telecommunications lines, and reconstructs the signals to create an
- 31 exact duplicate of the original document at the receiving end;

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1 (41) (40) Electronic signature has the definition found in section

- 2 86-621;
- $\frac{(42)}{(41)}$ Electronic transmission means transmission of information
- 4 in electronic form. Electronic transmission includes computer-to-computer
- 5 transmission or computer-to-facsimile transmission;
- 6 (43) (42) Long-term care facility means an intermediate care
- 7 facility, an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental
- 8 disabilities, a long-term care hospital, a mental health substance use
- 9 treatment center, a nursing facility, or a skilled nursing facility, as
- 10 such terms are defined in the Health Care Facility Licensure Act;
- 11 (44) (43) Compounding has the same meaning as in section 38-2811;
- 12 (45) (44) Cannabinoid receptor agonist means any chemical compound
- 13 or substance that, according to scientific or medical research, study,
- 14 testing, or analysis, demonstrates the presence of binding activity at
- one or more of the CB1 or CB2 cell membrane receptors located within the
- 16 human body. Cannabinoid receptor agonist does not include any cannabidiol
- 17 product or cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved by the
- 18 federal Food and Drug Administration; and
- 19 (46) (45) Lookalike substance means a product or substance, not
- 20 specifically designated as a controlled substance in section 28-405, that
- 21 is either portrayed in such a manner by a person to lead another person
- 22 to reasonably believe that it produces effects on the human body that
- 23 replicate, mimic, or are intended to simulate the effects produced by a
- 24 controlled substance or that possesses one or more of the following
- 25 indicia or characteristics:
- 26 (a) The packaging or labeling of the product or substance suggests
- 27 that the user will achieve euphoria, hallucination, mood enhancement,
- 28 stimulation, or another effect on the human body that replicates or
- 29 mimics those produced by a controlled substance;
- 30 (b) The name or packaging of the product or substance uses images or
- 31 labels suggesting that it is a controlled substance or produces effects

- 1 on the human body that replicate or mimic those produced by a controlled
- 2 substance;
- 3 (c) The product or substance is marketed or advertised for a
- 4 particular use or purpose and the cost of the product or substance is
- 5 disproportionately higher than other products or substances marketed or
- 6 advertised for the same or similar use or purpose;
- 7 (d) The packaging or label on the product or substance contains
- 8 words or markings that state or suggest that the product or substance is
- 9 in compliance with state and federal laws regulating controlled
- 10 substances;
- 11 (e) The owner or person in control of the product or substance uses
- 12 evasive tactics or actions to avoid detection or inspection of the
- 13 product or substance by law enforcement authorities;
- (f) The owner or person in control of the product or substance makes
- 15 a verbal or written statement suggesting or implying that the product or
- 16 substance is a synthetic drug or that consumption of the product or
- 17 substance will replicate or mimic effects on the human body to those
- 18 effects commonly produced through use or consumption of a controlled
- 19 substance;
- 20 (g) The owner or person in control of the product or substance makes
- 21 a verbal or written statement to a prospective customer, buyer, or
- 22 recipient of the product or substance implying that the product or
- 23 substance may be resold for profit; or
- 24 (h) The product or substance contains a chemical or chemical
- 25 compound that does not have a legitimate relationship to the use or
- 26 purpose claimed by the seller, distributor, packer, or manufacturer of
- 27 the product or substance or indicated by the product name, appearing on
- 28 the product's packaging or label or depicted in advertisement of the
- 29 product or substance.
- 30 Sec. 7. Original sections 2-501, 2-503, 2-505, 2-515, and 28-401,
- 31 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.