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Introduced by Representative Page of Newport City
Referred to Committee on
Date:
Subject: Tobacco products; cigarettes; cannabis; single-use filters
Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
sale in Vermont of cannabis and tobacco products, including cigarettes, that
utilize single-use filters.

An act relating to prohibiting the sale of cannabis and tobacco products
utilizing single-use filters

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) A cigarette butt is composed of a cigarette filter and any unsmoked
portion of a cigarette. More than 95 percent of cigarette filters are made of a
nonbiodegradable plastic known as cellulose acetate.

(2) Discarded cigarette butts introduce hazardous toxins, including lead
and arsenic, into the environment and contribute significantly to pollution in
the soil and waterways, impacting the health of fish and other wildlife and the
safety of the food supply for humans.

1 (4) any cannabis, cannabis products, or packaging of such items that are
2 designed to make the product more appealing to persons under 21 years of age;

3 (5) any cannabis product utilizing a single-use filter made of any
4 material, including cellulose acetate, any other fibrous plastic material, or any
5 organic or biodegradable material; and

6 (6) any attachable and single-use device made of any material intended
7 to facilitate manual manipulation or filtration of cannabis or a cannabis
8 product.

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10 Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 1003 is amended to read:

11 § 1003. SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES;
12 TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA; REQUIREMENTS;
13 PROHIBITIONS

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15 (g) A person shall not sell or provide:

16 (1) a tobacco product utilizing a single-use filter made of any material,
17 including cellulose acetate, any other fibrous plastic material, or any organic or
18 biodegradable material; or

19 (2) an attachable and single-use device made of any material intended to
20 facilitate manual manipulation or filtration of a tobacco product.

1 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.