

Floor Amendment to HB 611-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to eligibility criteria for the therapeutic cannabis program and establishing a  
4 commission to study state-controlled sales of cannabis.  
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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8 3 New Section; Commission to Study State-Controlled Sales of Cannabis. Amend RSA 176 by  
9 inserting after section 16-a the following new section:

10 176:16-b Commission to Study State-Controlled Sales of Cannabis.

11 I. There is hereby established a commission to study state-controlled sales of cannabis and  
12 cannabis products.

13 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

14 (a) Five members of the senate, appointed by the senate president.

15 (b) Five members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

16 (c) The attorney general, or designee.

17 (d) The governor, or designee.

18 (e) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, chosen by  
19 that organization.

20 (f) A representative of the New Hampshire Bankers Association, chosen by that  
21 organization.

22 (g) The chairman of the New Hampshire liquor commission, or designee.

23 (h) A representative of the New Hampshire Cannabis Association, chosen by that  
24 organization.

25 (i) A representative of the American Civil Liberties Union- New Hampshire, chosen by  
26 that organization.

27 (j) A representative of Alternative Treatment Centers, appointed by the speaker of the  
28 house.

29 (k) A medical professional, appointed by the senate president.

30 (l) A representative of Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, chosen by that  
31 organization.

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1           III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate while  
2 attending to the duties of the commission.

3           IV. The commission shall study the feasibility of establishing a state-controlled system to  
4 sell marijuana to adults 21 years and older that also:

5               (a) Allows the state to control distribution and access;

6               (b) Keeps marijuana away from kids and out of schools;

7               (c) Controls the marketing and messaging of the sale of marijuana;

8               (d) Prohibits "marijuana miles" or the over-saturation of marijuana retail  
9 establishments;

10              (e) Empowers municipalities to choose to limit or prohibit marijuana retail  
11 establishments;

12              (f) Reduces instances of multi-drug use; and

13              (g) Does not impose an additional tax so as to remain competitive.

14           V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The  
15 first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting  
16 of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Ten members of  
17 the committee shall constitute a quorum.

18           VI. The commission shall issue a final report of its findings and any recommendations for  
19 proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
20 senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library. The report shall be submitted on  
21 or before December 1, 2023.

22           VII. The commission shall be administratively attached to the department of justice.

23           4 Repeal. RSA 126-X: 13, relative to a commission to study state-controlled sales of cannabis, is  
24 repealed.

25           5 Effective Date.

26               I. Sections 1-2 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

27               II. Section 4 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2023.

28               III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Removes the requirement that severe pain be resistant to other treatment options in order to be considered a qualifying medical condition for therapeutic cannabis.
- II. Establishes a commission to study state-controlled sales of cannabis.