## **HOUSE BILL 1243**

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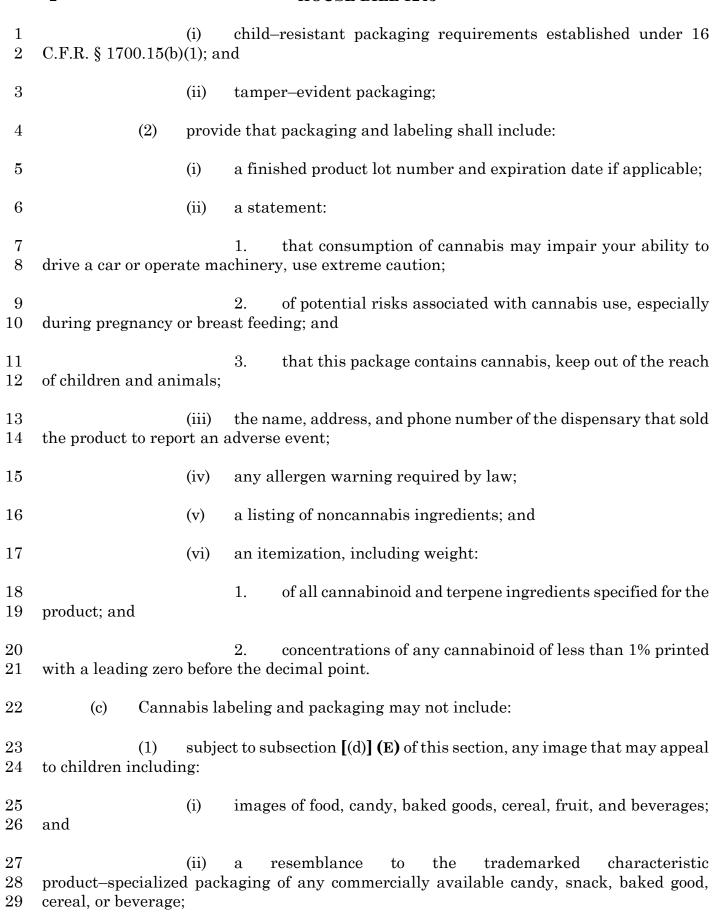
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Cannabis – Packaging Requirements – Prohibition on Purchase of Empty Packaging
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of prohibiting the holder of a cannabis license from buying empty packaging that, if used to package cannabis, would violate a certain law; and generally relating to cannabis packaging requirements.
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 36–203.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)
12 13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
14	Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15	36–203.1.
16 17 18 19	(a) The Administration shall adopt regulations establishing limits on the maximum potency of cannabis products sold in the State, including limits on the maximum amount of THC in individual cannabis products and limits on the maximum aggregate THC amount for multiple edible cannabis products packaged together.
20 21	(b) A package of cannabis for distribution to a consumer or qualifying patient shall:
22	(1) conform to:





- 1 (2) any image that is designed or likely to appeal to minors, including 2 cartoons, toys, animals, children, or any likeness to images, characters, or phrases that are 3 popularly used to advertise to children;
- 4 (3) a statement, artwork, or design that could reasonably mislead any individual to believe that the packaging contains anything other than a finished cannabis product; and
- 7 (4) any image of a seal, flag, crest, coat of arms, or other insignia that could 8 reasonably mislead any individual to believe that the product has been endorsed, 9 manufactured, or used by any agency of a state or political subdivision.
- 10 (D) THE HOLDER OF A CANNABIS LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE MAY
  11 NOT PURCHASE ANY EMPTY PACKAGING THAT, IF USED TO PACKAGE CANNABIS,
  12 WOULD VIOLATE A PROVISION OF THIS TITLE.
- [(d)] (E) The Administration may adopt regulations to allow the sale, on or before July 1, 2024, of cannabis or cannabis products that are labeled or packaged using images described under subsection (c)(1) of this section.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.