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Introduced by M. of A. GJONAJ -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the sale of synthetic
cannabinoids

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 220.00 of the penal law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 21 to read as follows:

3 21. "SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID" MEANS ANY CHEMICAL COMPOUND THAT IS A
4 CANNABINOID RECEPTOR AGONIST AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO,
5 ANY MATERIAL, COMPOUND, MIXTURE OR PREPARATION THAT IS NOT LISTED AS A
6 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

7 S 2. The opening paragraph of section 221.35 of the penal law, as
8 amended by chapter 75 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 A person is guilty of criminal sale of marihuana in the fifth degree
11 when he OR SHE knowingly and unlawfully sells, without consideration,
12 one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances containing
13 marihuana OR SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID, and the preparations, compounds,
14 mixtures or substances are of an aggregate weight of two grams or less;
15 or one cigarette containing marihuana.

16 S 3. The opening paragraph of section 221.40 of the penal law, as
17 added by chapter 360 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

18 A person is guilty of criminal sale of marihuana in the fourth degree
19 when he OR SHE knowingly and unlawfully sells marihuana OR SYNTHETIC
20 CANNABINOID, except as provided in section 221.35 of this article.

21 S 4. The opening paragraph of section 221.45 of the penal law, as
22 amended by chapter 75 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 A person is guilty of criminal sale of marihuana in the third degree
25 when he OR SHE knowingly and unlawfully sells one or more preparations,

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 compounds, mixtures or substances containing marihuana OR SYNTHETIC
2 CANNABINOID, and the preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances are
3 of an aggregate weight of more than twenty-five grams.

4 S 5. The opening paragraph of section 221.50 of the penal law, as
5 amended by chapter 75 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 A person is guilty of criminal sale of marihuana in the second degree
8 when he OR SHE knowingly and unlawfully sells one or more preparations,
9 compounds, mixtures or substances containing marihuana OR SYNTHETIC
10 CANNABINOID, and the preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances are
11 of an aggregate weight of more than four ounces, or knowingly and unlaw-
12 fully sells one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances
13 containing marihuana OR SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID to a person less than
14 eighteen years of age.

15 S 6. The opening paragraph of section 221.55 of the penal law, as
16 amended by chapter 75 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 A person is guilty of criminal sale of marihuana in the first degree
19 when he OR SHE knowingly and unlawfully sells one or more preparations,
20 compounds, mixtures or substances containing marihuana OR SYNTHETIC
21 CANNABINOID, and the preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances are
22 of an aggregate weight of more than sixteen ounces.

23 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.