

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to enacting the "New York state kratom consumer protection act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "New York state kratom consumer protection act".

3 § 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new arti-
4 cle 17-C to read as follows:

ARTICLE 17-C

NEW YORK STATE KRATOM

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Section 223. Definitions.

223-a. Kratom product labeling.

223-b. Violations.

223-c. Penalties.

223-d. Rules and regulations.

13 § 223. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following
14 terms shall have the following meanings:

15 1. "Dealer" shall mean any individual, partnership, limited liability
16 company, corporation, joint venture, association, trust, estate or any
17 other legal entity, and any officer, member, shareholder, director,
18 employee, agent or representative of any such entity who sells,
19 prepares, or maintains kratom products, or advertises, represents, or
20 holds itself out to be selling, preparing, or maintaining kratom
21 products.

22 2. "Food" shall mean any food, food product, food ingredient, dietary
23 ingredient, dietary supplement, or beverage intended for human consump-
24 tion.

25 3. "Kratom product" shall mean any food containing any part, extract,
26 or byproduct of the leaf of the plant mitragyna speciosa.

27 § 223-a. Kratom product labeling. Any dealer who prepares, distrib-
28 utes, sells, or exposes for sale a food that is represented to be a

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

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1 kratom product shall disclose on the label of such kratom product the
2 factual basis upon which such representation is made.

3 § 223-b. Violations. 1. No dealer shall prepare, distribute, sell, or
4 expose for sale any of the following:

5 (a) Any kratom product that is adulterated with a dangerous non-kratom
6 substance. A kratom product is adulterated with a dangerous non-kratom
7 substance if such kratom product is mixed or packed with a non-kratom
8 substance and such substance affects the quality or strength of such
9 kratom product to a degree which renders such kratom product injurious
10 to consumers.

11 (b) Any kratom product that is contaminated with a dangerous non-kratom
12 substance. A kratom product is contaminated with a dangerous non-
13 kratom substance if such kratom product contains a poisonous or other-
14 wise deleterious non-kratom ingredient, including, but not limited to,
15 the substances listed in section thirty-three hundred six of the public
16 health law.

17 (c) Any kratom product containing a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine in
18 the alkaloid fraction that is greater than two percent of the alkaloid
19 composition of such product.

20 (d) Any kratom product containing any synthetic alkaloids including
21 synthetic mitragynine, synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine, or any other
22 synthetically derived compounds of the kratom plant.

23 (e) Any kratom product that does not include on its package or label
24 the amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine contained in such
25 product, and directions for safe and effective use by consumers.

26 2. No dealer shall distribute or sell any kratom product to an indi-
27 vidual under eighteen years of age.

28 § 223-c. Penalties. 1. A dealer found to be in violation of section
29 two hundred twenty-three-a of this article shall be subject to an admin-
30 istrative fine of up to five hundred dollars for the first offense and
31 up to one thousand dollars for any subsequent offense. Any person
32 charged with a fine pursuant to this subdivision shall have the right to
33 request a hearing to challenge such fine.

34 2. A dealer found to be in violation of section two hundred twenty-
35 three-a or section two hundred twenty-three-b of this article shall be
36 guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment up to ninety days, a
37 fine of up to five hundred dollars, or both.

38 3. Any person aggrieved by a violation of this article may, in addi-
39 tion to and distinct from any other remedy at law or equity, bring a
40 private cause of action in a competent court of jurisdiction, for any
41 damages resulting from such violation, including but not limited to,
42 economic, noneconomic, and consequential damages.

43 4. A dealer shall not be in violation of this article where such deal-
44 er has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that such dealer
45 relied in good faith upon the representations of a manufacturer, proces-
46 sor, packer, or distributor of a kratom product that such product was in
47 compliance with this section.

48 § 223-d. Rules and regulations. The department shall promulgate rules
49 for the administration and enforcement of this article, including but
50 not limited to, the format, size, and placement of the disclosure label
51 required by section two hundred twenty-three-a of this article, in addi-
52 tion to the information which shall be included on such disclosure
53 label.

54 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
55 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
56 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-

1 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
2 completed on or before such effective date.