

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ZACCARO, CRUZ -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the tax law and the alcoholic beverage control law, in  
relation to the suspension or revocation of certain licenses for  
violations of the cannabis law

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 480-a of the tax  
2 law, as amended by section 4 of part I of chapter 59 of the laws of  
3 2020, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) If a retail dealer possesses or sells unstamped or unlawfully  
5 stamped packages of cigarettes, or if a retail dealer is also licensed  
6 as an agent pursuant to section four hundred seventy-two of this article  
7 and it possesses unlawfully stamped packages of cigarettes or sells  
8 unstamped or unlawfully stamped packages of cigarettes at retail, or if  
9 a retail dealer or an agent under this article possesses illicit canna-  
10 bis as defined in section one hundred thirty-six of the cannabis law or  
11 is in violation of section one hundred twenty-five of the cannabis law,  
12 (i) its registration under this article shall be revoked for a period of  
13 one year, or (ii) for a second such possession or sale or violation of  
14 the cannabis law within a period of five years by a retail dealer or any  
15 affiliated person of such retail dealer, the registration under this  
16 article of such retail dealer and the registration of any retail dealer  
17 that is an affiliated person of such retail dealer shall be revoked for  
18 a period of three years, or (iii) for a third such possession or sale or  
19 violation of the cannabis law within a period of five years by a retail  
20 dealer or any affiliated person of such retail dealer, the registration  
21 under this article of such retail dealer and the registration of any  
22 retail dealer that is an affiliated person of such retail dealer shall  
23 be revoked for a period of five years. A retail dealer registration  
24 shall be revoked pursuant to this subdivision immediately upon such  
25 dealer's receipt of written notice of revocation from the commissioner.  
26 If unstamped or unlawfully stamped cigarettes, or illicit cannabis, are  
27 found in a retail dealer's warehouse or a warehouse of any affiliated

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

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1 person of such retail dealer, the revocation of the retail dealer's  
2 registration pursuant to this subdivision shall be applicable to each  
3 retail place of business in this state through which such retail dealer  
4 and any affiliated person of such retail dealer sells cigarettes.

5 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 118 of the alcoholic beverage control  
6 law, as amended by chapter 536 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 1. Any license or permit issued pursuant to this chapter may be  
9 revoked, cancelled, suspended and/or subjected to the imposition of a  
10 civil penalty for cause, and must be revoked for the following causes:

11 (a) Conviction of the licensee, permittee or his agent or employee for  
12 selling any illegal alcoholic beverages on the premises licensed.

13 (b) For transferring, assigning or hypothecating a license or permit.

14 (c) A violation of subdivision one of section one hundred twenty-five  
15 of the cannabis law, or the sale or possession of illicit cannabis as  
16 defined in section one hundred thirty-six of such law.

17 § 3. Section 1607 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
18 sion i to read as follows:

19 i. A violation of section one hundred twenty-five of the cannabis law;  
20 provided that a license shall be revoked upon a finding that such licen-  
21 see possessed or sold illicit cannabis, as defined in section one  
22 hundred thirty-six of the cannabis law.

23 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.