

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the cannabis law, in relation to prohibiting adult-use cannabis dispensaries from being located within a certain distance of the property boundary of a public school, public park, or beach

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

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 72 of the cannabis law is amended by adding a new paragraph (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) (i) No premises with a license issued pursuant to this section, or section sixty-eight-a of this article, or section seventy-three of this article that allows for the retail sale of adult-use cannabis, shall be located within one thousand feet of the property boundary of any public school, public park, or public beach.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, distance shall be measured in a straight line from the center of the nearest entrance of the premises sought to be licensed to the nearest point of the property boundary of such public school, public park, or public beach, without regard to intervening buildings, structures, or zoning district lines.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph:

(1) "Public school" shall mean any elementary or secondary school operated by a school district or other public entity of the state.

(2) "Public park" shall mean any park, playground, recreation area, or similar facility owned, leased or operated by the state or any political subdivision thereof and designated or used primarily for public recreation.

(3) "Public beach" shall mean any bathing beach, shoreline, or waterfront area owned, leased or operated by the state or any political subdivision thereof and designated or regularly used for public bathing, swimming, or waterfront recreation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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