

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations
and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the cannabis law, in relation to doubling the distance
allowed between cannabis storefronts and premises for adult-use
on-site consumption and school grounds and houses of worship; and
restricting their distance with a child day care

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 72 of the cannabis law is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 6. No cannabis retail licensee shall locate a storefront within [~~five~~
4 ~~hundred~~] one thousand feet of a school grounds as such term is defined
5 in the education law or a child day care as such term is defined in the
6 social services law or within [~~two~~] four hundred feet of a house of
7 worship.

8 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 77 of the cannabis law is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 4. No applicant shall be granted an adult-use on-site consumption
11 license for any premises within [~~five hundred~~] one thousand feet of
12 school grounds as such term is defined in the education law or a child
13 day care as such term is defined in the social services law or [~~two~~]
14 four hundred feet from a house of worship.

15 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
16 have become a law.

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

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