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An Act To Protect Children from Edible Cannabis Products

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2444, sub-§2, ¶¶G and H, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 5, §1,
 are amended to read:

G. Security requirements for any licensed premises under this chapter including, at a minimum, lighting, physical security, alarm requirements and other minimum procedures for internal control as determined necessary by the state licensing authority to properly administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter, including reporting requirements for changes, alterations or modifications to the licensed premises. Security requirements may not be unreasonably impracticable; and

- H. Securing and recording permission for a local fire department or the State Fire
 Marshal to conduct an annual fire inspection of a retail marijuana cultivation facility-:
 and
- 13 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2444, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

14I. A prohibition on the manufacture, distribution and sale of edible retail marijuana15products that are packaged in a manner to look like candy or shaped in a manner that16appeals to children, including, but not limited to, edible retail marijuana products in17the distinct shape of a human, animal or fruit, but not including edible retail18marijuana products in a geometric shape or in the shape of a marijuana leaf or a19company logo.

20 Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect February 1, 2018.

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SUMMARY

This bill amends the Marijuana Legalization Act to require the state licensing authority to develop rules that prohibit the manufacture, distribution and sale of edible retail marijuana products in packaging or shapes that appeal to children. Under current law, the possession of any edible retail marijuana product is prohibited until February 1, 26 2018, so the effective date of this legislation is delayed until then.