

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5477**

A bill to regulate the distribution, sale, and manufacturing of kratom products; to require licensing for certain conduct related to kratom and kratom products; to prohibit the distribution, sale, and manufacturing of certain kratom products; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to prescribe fines and sanctions; to provide remedies; and to require the promulgation of rules.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "kratom consumer  
2 protection and regulatory act".

3           Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4           (a) "Certificate of licensure" means a document issued as  
5 evidence of authorization to distribute, sell, or manufacture a



1 kratom product.

2 (b) "Department" means the department of licensing and  
3 regulatory affairs.

4 (c) "Director" means the director of the department or his or  
5 her designee.

6 (d) "Food" means that term as defined in section 1107 of the  
7 food law, 2000 PA 92, MCL 289.1107.

8 (e) "Kratom product" means a food that contains any part of  
9 the leaf of the plant *Mitragyna speciosa*.

10 (f) "License" means an authorization granted by the department  
11 under this act to distribute, sell, or manufacture a kratom  
12 product.

13 (g) "Licensee" means a person that holds a license.

14 (h) "Rule" means a rule promulgated under the administrative  
15 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

16 Sec. 5. (1) Beginning January 1, 2023, a person shall not do  
17 any of the following unless the person holds a license:

18 (a) Distribute a kratom product in this state.

19 (b) Sell a kratom product in this state.

20 (c) Manufacture a kratom product in this state.

21 (2) A person shall obtain a license for each location in which  
22 the person distributes, sells, or manufacturers a kratom product in  
23 this state. A person shall obtain a license if the person  
24 distributes, sells, or offers to distribute or sell a kratom  
25 product through an online website to a person in this state.

26 (3) A person applying for a license under this section shall  
27 do so on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department. An  
28 application must include all of the following information:

29 (a) The applicant's full name, date of birth, telephone



1 number, and address. If the applicant is not an individual, the  
2 application must include the EIN number of the applicant.

3 (b) The address of each business or location where a kratom  
4 product will be distributed, sold, or manufactured or offered for  
5 distribution or sale.

6 (c) A list of the kratom products that will be distributed,  
7 sold, or manufactured or offered for distribution or sale at each  
8 business or location described under subdivision (b).

9 (d) A copy of the certificate of analysis received under  
10 section 13.

11 (e) A statement that the information supplied by the applicant  
12 is, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, true and is signed  
13 under penalty of perjury.

14 (4) The department shall grant an applicant a license under  
15 this section if the applicant does all of the following:

16 (a) Submits a completed application under subsection (3).

17 (b) Submits an application fee of \$200.00.

18 (c) Meets the qualifications for a license specified under  
19 this act.

20 (5) The department shall approve or deny an application for a  
21 license not later than 30 business days after a completed  
22 application is received. The department shall deny an application  
23 for a license if the application is incomplete.

24 (6) If the department denies an application for a license  
25 because it is incomplete, the department shall notify the applicant  
26 in writing of the denial not later than 30 business days after the  
27 application is received, state the deficiency, and request  
28 additional information.

29 (7) A license is not transferable and is valid for 3 years.



1 (8) To renew a license, an applicant must do both of the  
2 following:

3 (a) Submit a completed application under subsection (3).

4 (b) Submit a renewal fee of \$125.00.

5 (9) A licensee shall prominently display the certificate of  
6 licensure at each business or location where kratom products are  
7 distributed, sold, or manufactured or offered for distribution or  
8 sale.

9 Sec. 7. A kratom product must be labeled, and the product  
10 label must contain the following information:

11 (a) Both of the following statements:

12 (i) "*Mitragyna speciosa* is an unapproved dietary ingredient.  
13 Ingesting *Mitragyna speciosa* may be dangerous. Consult your  
14 physician about whether this product is for you, how to use this  
15 product safely, potential interactions, precautionary measures  
16 before considering this product, and potential dependency,  
17 seizures, and other possible complications. Inform your physician  
18 of the alkaloid content labeled on this package."

19 (ii) "Keep out of reach of children. DO NOT USE IF YOU ARE  
20 PREGNANT, PLAN TO BECOME PREGNANT, OR WHILE BREASTFEEDING. NOT FOR  
21 SALE TO MINORS."

22 (b) The alkaloid content in the kratom product.

23 (c) The amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine  
24 contained in the kratom product.

25 Sec. 9. A person shall not in person or through an online  
26 website distribute, sell, manufacture or offer for distribution or  
27 sale any of the following:

28 (a) A kratom product that is adulterated with a dangerous  
29 nonkratom substance. A kratom product is adulterated with a



1 dangerous nonkratom substance if the kratom product is mixed or  
 2 packed with a nonkratom substance and that substance affects the  
 3 quality or strength of the kratom product to such a degree as to  
 4 render the kratom product injurious to a consumer.

5 (b) A kratom product that is contaminated with a dangerous  
 6 nonkratom substance. A kratom product is contaminated with a  
 7 dangerous nonkratom substance if the kratom product contains a  
 8 poisonous or otherwise deleterious nonkratom ingredient, including,  
 9 but not limited to, any of the substances listed in section 7212 of  
 10 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7212.

11 (c) A kratom product that contains a level of 7-  
 12 hydroxymitragynine in the alkaloid fraction that is greater than 2%  
 13 of the alkaloid composition of the product.

14 (d) A kratom product that contains a synthetic alkaloid,  
 15 including, but not limited to, any of the following:

16 (i) Synthetic mitragynine.

17 (ii) Synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine.

18 (iii) Any other synthetically derived compound of the plant  
 19 *Mitragyna speciosa*.

20 (e) A kratom product that does not include on its package or  
 21 label the amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine contained  
 22 in the kratom product.

23 Sec. 11. (1) A licensee shall not in person or through an  
 24 online website distribute, sell, or offer for distribution or sale  
 25 a kratom product to an individual in this state who is under 21  
 26 years of age.

27 (2) A person shall not purchase a kratom product over the  
 28 internet in this state if the kratom product does not comply with  
 29 section 9.



1           Sec. 13. (1) Before applying for a license under section 5, a  
2 person that wishes to distribute, sell, or manufacture or offer for  
3 distribution or sale a kratom product shall have a sample of the  
4 raw materials used to produce each kratom product tested by a  
5 qualified laboratory to certify that the kratom product does not  
6 contain any substance in violation of section 9.

7           (2) If raw materials tested under subsection (1) do not  
8 contain a substance in violation of section 9, the qualified  
9 laboratory shall provide the person with a certificate of analysis  
10 that states that the raw materials meet the requirements prescribed  
11 under this act.

12           (3) A person shall provide a copy of the certificate of  
13 analysis described under subsection (2) to the department with an  
14 application for a license under section 5 and upon request. The  
15 department may request that a person have a sample of raw materials  
16 retested by a qualified laboratory under subsection (1) and provide  
17 an updated certificate of analysis. If the department requests that  
18 a person have a sample of raw materials retested under this  
19 subsection, the person is responsible for the costs of the testing.

20           (4) As used in this section, "qualified laboratory" means a  
21 laboratory approved by the department by rule.

22           Sec. 15. (1) After notice and an opportunity for a hearing  
23 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL  
24 24.201 to 24.328, a licensee may be subject to the following:

25           (a) For a violation of section 7, 9, or 11, an administrative  
26 fine of not more than \$500.00 for the first offense and not more  
27 than \$1,000.00 for a second or subsequent offense.

28           (b) In addition to an administrative fine under subsection (a)  
29 or for any other violation of this act or a rule promulgated under



1 this act, a denial, limitation, suspension, or revocation of a  
2 license.

3 (2) A person that violates section 5(1) may be ordered to pay  
4 a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 for the first offense and not  
5 more than \$1,000.00 for a second or subsequent offense.

6 (3) In addition to any other action authorized by this act,  
7 the director may bring an action to do 1 or more of the following:

8 (a) Obtain a declaratory judgment that a method, act, or  
9 practice is in violation of this act.

10 (b) Obtain an injunction against a person that is engaging, or  
11 about to engage, in a method, act, or practice that violates this  
12 act.

13 Sec. 17. By January 1, 2023, the department shall promulgate  
14 rules pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969  
15 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to implement this act.

