A bill to be entitled

An act relating to cannabis offenses; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; reducing criminal penalties for
delivery, without consideration, of a specified amount
of cannabis; reducing criminal penalties for
possession of specified amounts of cannabis and
products containing specified amounts of THC;
specifying that juvenile violators of certain
provisions are eligible for civil citation or similar
prearrest diversion programs; providing an effective
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of
subsection (6) of section 893.13, Florida Statutes, are amended
to read:

893.13 Prohibited acts; penalties.—

(3) A person who delivers, without consideration, 20 grams
or less of cannabis, as defined in this chapter, commits a
noncriminal violation of the first degree,
punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. As used in
this subsection, the term "cannabis" does not include the resin
extracted from the plants of the genus Cannabis or any compound
manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such
resin.

(6)(a)1. A person may not be in actual or constructive
possession of a controlled substance, other than 20 grams or
less of cannabis, as defined in this chapter, or 600 milligrams
or less of THC in cannabis products, unless the such controlled substance was lawfully obtained from a practitioner or pursuant to a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or to be in actual or constructive possession of a controlled substance except as otherwise authorized by this chapter. A person who violates this provision commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

2. A person in possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis, as defined in this chapter, or more than 600 milligrams of THC in cannabis products, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A juvenile who violates this subparagraph for the first time is eligible for a civil citation or similar prearrest diversion program as provided under s. 985.12.

(b) If the offense is the possession of 20 grams or less of cannabis, as defined in this chapter, the person commits a noncriminal violation misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. As used in this subsection, the term “cannabis” does not include the resin extracted from the plants of the genus Cannabis, or any compound manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such resin.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.