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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Gruters moved the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (330544) (with title amendment) Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Section 501.9745, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 501.9745 Kratom products; prohibition; penalties.-

(1) SHORT TITLE.-This section may be cited as the "Florida Kratom Consumer Protection Act."

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(2) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

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12	(a) "Kratom product" means a food product, food ingredient,
13	dietary ingredient, dietary supplement, or beverage intended for
14	human consumption which contains any part of the leaf of the
15	plant Mitragyna speciosa or an extract of such plant and is
16	manufactured as a powder, capsule, pill, or beverage or any
17	other edible form.
18	(b) "Processor" means a person who sells, prepares,
19	manufactures, distributes, or maintains kratom products.
20	(3) PROHIBITIONSA processor may not sell, distribute, or
21	expose for sale any kratom product to an individual under 21
22	years of age.
23	(4) VIOLATIONSA person who violates this section commits
24	a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
25	775.082 or s. 775.083.
26	(5) RULESThe department shall adopt rules to administer
27	this section.
28	Section 2. Effective July 1, 2024, section 501.9745,
29	Florida Statutes, as created by this act, is amended to read:
30	(Substantial rewording of section. See
31	s. 501.9745, F.S., as created by this act,
32	for present text.)
33	501.9745 Kratom products; prohibitions; registration;
34	penalties
35	(1) SHORT TITLEThis section may be cited as the "Florida
36	Kratom Consumer Protection Act."
37	(2) DEFINITIONSAs used in this section, the term:
38	(a) "Kratom extract" means a food product or dietary
39	ingredient that contains any part of the leaf of the plant
40	Mitragyna speciosa which has been extracted and concentrated to

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41	provide more standardized dosing.
42	(b) "Kratom product" means a food product, food ingredient,
43	dietary ingredient, dietary supplement, or beverage intended for
44	human consumption which contains any part of the leaf of the
45	plant Mitragyna speciosa or an extract of such plant and is
46	manufactured as a powder, capsule, pill, or beverage or any
47	other edible form.
48	(c) "Processor" means a person who sells, prepares,
49	manufactures, distributes, or maintains kratom products.
50	(3) PROHIBITIONS
51	(a) A processor may not sell, prepare, distribute, or
52	expose for sale:
53	1. A kratom product that:
54	a. Is adulterated with a dangerous non-kratom substance
55	that affects the quality or strength of the kratom product to
56	such a degree that it may injure a consumer.
57	b. Contains a poisonous or otherwise harmful non-kratom
58	ingredient, including, but not limited to, any substance listed
59	<u>in s. 893.03.</u>
60	c. Contains a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine in the alkaloid
61	fraction which is greater than 1 percent of the alkaloid
62	composition of the product.
63	d. Contains a synthetic alkaloid, including, but not
64	limited to, synthetic mitragynine, synthetic 7-
65	hydroxymitragynine, or any other synthetically derived compound
66	of the plant Mitragyna speciosa.
67	e. Does not include directions for the safe and effective
68	use of the product, including, but not limited to, a suggested
69	serving size, on the product's packaging or label.

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70	f. Has a label that contains any claim that the product is
71	intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any medical
72	condition or disease.
73	2. Kratom extract that contains levels of residual solvents
74	higher than the standards set forth in USP-NF chapter 467.
75	(b) A processor may not sell, distribute, or expose for
76	sale any kratom product to an individual under 21 years of age.
77	(4) REGISTRATIONA person who manufactures kratom products
78	shall annually register with the department any kratom product
79	intended for sale to an end consumer in this state which is in
80	an approved kratom delivery form. The registration must include
81	a certificate of analysis from an independent, certified third-
82	party laboratory which shows that the kratom product is in
83	compliance with the requirements of this section for safe kratom
84	products.
85	(5) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
86	(a) If the department receives a report that any kratom
87	product offered for sale in this state is not in compliance with
88	the requirements of this section for safe kratom products, the
89	department must require the manufacturer to produce an updated
90	certificate of analysis in a reasonable timeframe from an
91	independent, certified third-party laboratory which shows that
92	the kratom product is in compliance with the requirements of
93	this section for safe kratom products.
94	(b) If a manufacturer receives notice of an adverse event
95	related to the manufacturer's kratom product, the manufacturer
96	must submit by certified mail to the department a copy of the
97	adverse event report required to be submitted to the United
98	States Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food,

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99	Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. s. 379aa-1(b)(1).
100	(c) If a manufacturer fails to provide the department with
101	an updated certificate of analysis within the specified
102	timeframe or fails to report an adverse event to the department
103	as required by this subsection, the department may revoke the
104	manufacturer's kratom product registration.
105	(6) VIOLATIONS
106	(a) A person who violates this section commits a
107	misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
108	775.082 or s. 775.083.
109	(b) A processor that sells kratom products at retail does
110	not violate this section if it is shown by a preponderance of
111	the evidence that the processor relied in good faith upon the
112	representations of a manufacturer, processor, packer, or
113	distributor of food represented to be a kratom product.
114	(7) RULESThe department shall adopt rules to administer
115	this section.
116	Section 3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
117	act, this act shall take upon becoming a law.
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119	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==============
120	And the title is amended as follows:
121	Delete everything before the enacting clause
122	and insert:
123	A bill to be entitled
124	An act relating to the Florida Kratom Consumer
125	Protection Act; creating s. 501.9745, F.S.; providing
126	a short title; defining the terms "kratom product" and
127	"processor"; prohibiting processors from distributing,

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128 selling, or exposing for sale any kratom product to an 129 individual under 21 years of age; providing criminal 130 penalties; requiring the Department of Agriculture and 131 Consumer Services to adopt rules; defining the term 132 "kratom extract"; prohibiting processors, beginning on 133 a specified date, from selling, preparing, 134 distributing, or exposing for sale certain kratom 135 products; requiring manufacturers to annually register 136 kratom products with the department; providing 137 requirements for such registration; requiring 138 manufacturers to report certain violations and adverse 139 events to the department; providing for the revocation 140 of a manufacturer's kratom product registration under 141 certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; 142 providing an exception; requiring the department to 143 adopt rules; providing effective dates.