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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Furtado, Carson, Boylan, Sanchez, Cotter,
Kislak, Tanzi, Stewart, and Fogarty
Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21-28.12-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 21-28.12 entitled "The
2 Rhode Island Kratom Act [Effective April 1, 2026.]" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 **21-28.12-4. Age limits and sales restrictions. [Effective April 1, 2026.]**
- 4 (a) No person or entity shall distribute, sell, transfer, or advertise a kratom product to a
5 person under twenty-one (21) years.
- 6 (b) All kratom products shall be kept behind the sales counter [and within a locked case,](#)
7 [which case would](#) only accessible to store employees [until the kratom product is sold.](#)
- 8 (c) The sale or distribution of kratom or kratom products to individuals under the age of
9 twenty-one (21) is prohibited.
- 10 (d) Valid photo identification for proof of age is required for all kratom and kratom product
11 purchases. Acceptable forms of government-issued identification shall include a recent photo of
12 the individual to whom the identification has been issued showing the date of birth of the individual
13 to verify the individual is age twenty-one (21) years or over. Acceptable forms of government-
14 issued identification are: a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the state of Rhode Island
15 or another state; a valid driver privilege card issued by the state of Rhode Island or another state; a
16 valid Rhode Island identification card issued by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles;
17 a valid armed services identification card; or a valid passport.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would provide that all kratom products for sale would be stored and kept in a
2 locked case, until sold.
3 This act would take effect April 1, 2026.

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