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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: Senators Lauria, Euer, DiMario, Ujifusa, Felag, Zurier, Valverde,  
Kallman, and McKenney

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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 on July 1, 2027.

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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 on July 1, 2027.

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