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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

A N A C T

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

Introduced By: Senator Louis P. DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 20, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28.11 of the General Laws entitled "The Rhode Island Cannabis
2 Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **21-28.11-31.1. Cannabis safety -- Responsible usage.**

4 (a) Annually, the cannabis control commission shall appropriate the sum of two hundred
5 thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the substance use mental health leadership council (the
6 "SUMHLC") to address hazardous and underage cannabis use, including alternatives, education,
7 and environmental strategies.

8 (b) Annually, the cannabis control commission shall appropriate the sum of five hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the SUMHLC for a public facing web and social media presence
10 and ongoing media campaigns.

11 (c) Annually, by October 1, the SUMHLC shall report on the usage of each appropriation
12 grant to the president of the senate and speaker of the house.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide for annual appropriations to the substance use mental health
2 leadership council to address hazardous and underage cannabis use and to fund ongoing media
3 campaigns.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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