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MEMO TO: Law Enforcement Agencies

SUBJECT: Changes Related to the Use of Cannabis

Please be advised that Spec. Sess. P.A. 21-1, signed by Gov. Lamont on June 22, 2021, made changes to statutes related to the use of cannabis. In addition to the repeal of several statutes, the Public Act created new juvenile provisions, misdemeanors and violations **effective July 1, 2021.**

The attached charts contain a list of these changes (sheet 1), as well as a list of repealed violations (sheet 2). Sheet 1 also contains details, among other things, regarding whether an offense is a misdemeanor or violation, the charging document and whether the signature of a health statement is required.

The fine amounts associated with the new violations represent a default fine set pursuant to General Statutes § 51-164m and are payable through the Centralized Infractions Bureau (CIB). These fines are subject to change upon a vote of the judges of the Superior Court. You will receive notice of any change that is the result of such a vote.

Spec. Sess. P.A. 21-1 requires individuals charged with certain offenses identified on the attached spreadsheet (see health statement column) to view and sign a statement acknowledging the health effects of cannabis on young people. Attached for your use is such a statement. This statement **does not** need to be filed with the court or with the charging documents. It is recommended that the agency maintain the signed copy and provide a copy or unsigned version to the defendant.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at stacey.manware@jud.ct.gov.

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