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Introduced by Representatives Cina of Burlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of
Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, and Ralph
of Hartland

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; regulated drugs

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to decriminalize
psilocybin, peyote, ayahuasca, and kratom.

An act relating to decriminalizing certain drugs commonly used for
medicinal, spiritual, religious, or entheogenic purposes

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 4201 is amended to read:

§ 4201. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

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(10) “Hallucinogenic drugs” means stramonium, mescaline ~~or peyote,~~
lysergic acid diethylamide, ~~and psilocybin,~~ and all synthetic equivalents of
chemicals contained in resinous extractives of Cannabis sativa, or any salts or
derivatives or compounds of any preparations or mixtures thereof, and any

1 other substance that is designated as ~~habit-forming~~ habit forming or as having
2 a serious potential for abuse arising out of its effect on the central nervous
3 system or its hallucinogenic effect in the rules adopted by the Board of Health
4 under section 4202 of this title.

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6 (29)(A) “Regulated drug” means:

7 ~~(A)~~(i) a narcotic drug;

8 ~~(B)~~(ii) a depressant or stimulant drug, other than methamphetamine;

9 ~~(C)~~(iii) a hallucinogenic drug;

10 ~~(D)~~(iv) Ecstasy;

11 ~~(E)~~(v) marijuana; or

12 ~~(F)~~(vi) methamphetamine.

13 (B) “Regulated drug” does not mean:

14 (i) psilocybin;

15 (ii) peyote;

16 (iii) ayahuasca; or

17 (iv) kratom.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.