

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 11

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges President and Congress of United States to enact legislation establishing a safe daily level of cannabidiol consumption.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging the President and Congress of the
2 United States to enact legislation establishing a safe daily level
3 of cannabidiol consumption.
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5 **WHEREAS**, Cannabidiol is a chemical that is prevalent in products
6 derived from the cannabis plant; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Unlike tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which is also
8 prevalent in products derived from the cannabis plant, the
9 consumption of cannabidiol does not produce euphoric effects or
10 cause an individual to feel “high”; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states
12 that products such as food additives and dietary supplements that
13 contain cannabidiol are illegal under federal law; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Within the past three years, more than 1,500 cannabidiol
15 products have come to the market without a clear approach for
16 regulation or any plan from the FDA to balance consumer access
17 and protect consumer health; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The lack of clear policy towards cannabidiol from the FDA
19 and the patchwork regulation of the substance by the states has
20 created a complicated legal framework in which cannabidiol
21 companies are attempting to operate; and

22 **WHEREAS**, The lack of clear regulatory guidance includes uncertainty
23 as to the level of cannabidiol content that is safe and appropriate for
24 human consumption. This uncertainty can present a risk to the
25 public health, as consumers have access to a wide variety of
26 cannabidiol products but no clear direction as to what amount is
27 safe to consume in a single sitting or over the course of time; and

28 **WHEREAS**, As a result of this uncertain legal framework, it has
29 become difficult for cannabidiol companies to participate in
30 interstate commerce because banks, insurance companies, and
31 merchant service companies are uneasy about providing services to
32 cannabidiol companies, which may be at risk investigation or
33 adverse enforcement actions by the FDA; and

34 **WHEREAS**, By enacting legislation that specifies a safe daily level of
35 cannabidiol consumption, the President and Congress of the United
36 States would help allow individuals to experience the holistic and
37 therapeutic benefits of cannabidiol while ensuring consumer safety
38 and facilitate the participation of cannabidiol companies in
39 interstate commerce, thereby generating increased economic
40 activity nationwide; now, therefore,

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42 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*
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44 1. This House respectfully urges the President and Congress of
45 the United States to enact legislation establishing a safe daily
46 consumption level for cannabidiol.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and each member of the United States Congress elected from this State.

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Cannabidiol is a chemical that is prevalent in products derived from the cannabis plant. Unlike tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which is also prevalent in products derived from the cannabis plant, the use of cannabidiol does not cause the user to experience euphoric effects or feel “high.” There is currently a lack of regulatory certainty and cohesion concerning cannabidiol products, which may have an adverse effect on the growth of the cannabidiol industry and create health risks for members of the public, who have access to a wide diversity of cannabidiol products but no guidance concerning appropriate consumption levels.

24 This resolution therefore respectfully urges that the President and
25 Congress of the United States to adopt legislation providing
26 guidance concerning safe daily consumption levels for cannabidiol.