

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3256**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2020

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3256.

This bill would reclassify possession of one ounce or less of psilocybin, a mushroom with hallucinogenic effects when consumed, as a disorderly persons offense, punishable by a term of imprisonment, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both. Currently, pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10, possession of any amount of psilocybin, a Schedule I controlled dangerous substance, is a crime of the third degree. A crime of the third degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment of three to five years, and this particular crime is subject to an enhanced fine of up to \$35,000 (the standard fine is \$15,000), or both.