



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Criminal Justice Committee**

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Moore, Gordon, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Morita (1)(excused) and Scott (2)

**Remote Participation**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this was allow for remote participation in meeting.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Moore, Gordon, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Morita and Scott (2)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman Moore asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers

[24-5792](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/24/2024

**A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 24-5792. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Moore, Gordon, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Morita and Scott (2)

[24-5224](#)

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CALLING FOR THE REGULATION OF ILLICIT HEMP AND THC PRODUCTS IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, multiple cases of children in the City of Chicago and Cook County ingesting illicit hemp and THC products resulted in harmful effects requiring immediate medical attention and hospitalization; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability and consumption of such illicit products pose a serious risk to the health and safety of children in our community, warranting urgent action to address and prevent further incidents of this nature; and

**WHEREAS**, unlicensed and untested hemp and THC products, often sold at gas stations, smoke shops, and unlicensed retailers, are a risk to broader public health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial to protect consumers from potentially harmful substances and ensure the quality and safety of cannabis products available in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has the authority to regulate the production, distribution, and sale of hemp and THC products within its jurisdiction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners calls upon the State of Illinois to strictly regulate unlicensed, untested illicit hemp and THC products sold at gas stations, smoke shops, and unlicensed retailers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners call upon the State of Illinois to implement measures to enforce compliance with licensing and testing requirements for all

hemp and THC products to protect the health and well-being of our residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners call upon the State of Illinois to consider penalties for those found in violation of regulations regarding the sale of unlicensed and untested hemp and THC products to deter illicit activities and safeguard public health; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and other relevant state agencies to urge prompt action on this matter.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to accept as substituted 24-5224. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Moore, Gordon, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Morita and Scott (2)

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**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO FILE 24-5224 - Issued on: 10/15/2024 (Criminal Justice Committee 5/17/2024)**

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**CALLING FOR THE REGULATION OF ILLICIT HEMP AND THC PRODUCTS IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS, cannabinoids are natural compounds found in the cannabis plant that have different effects; and**

**WHEREAS, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) are the most common cannabinoids found in the cannabis plant; and**

**WHEREAS, delta-8 THC is a cannabinoid that produces psychoactive effects, and**

**WHEREAS, many delta-8 THC products available on the market today are not regulated and can pose a serious risk to consumers, and**

**WHEREAS, synthetic cannabinoids are lab-made substances that are chemically similar to chemicals found in the cannabis plant, though they often produce very different and intoxicating effects, and**

**WHEREAS, most synthetic cannabinoids are illicitly manufactured and sold, and**

**WHEREAS, hemp-derived intoxicating cannabinoids are cannabinoids that are derived from hemp plants and are capable of producing psychoactive effects when consumed, and**

**WHEREAS, hemp-derived intoxicating cannabinoids include, but are not limited to, delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-8-THC), delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-9-THC), and other similar compounds that can alter mental state or perception, and**

**WHEREAS, multiple cases of children in the City of Chicago and Cook County accessing and ingesting unregulated synthetic THC and hemp-derived intoxicating products resulted in harmful effects requiring immediate medical attention and hospitalization; and**

**WHEREAS, the availability and consumption of such unregulated products pose a serious risk to the health and safety of children in our community, warranting urgent action to address and prevent further incidents of this nature; and**

**WHEREAS, unregulated synthetic THC and hemp-derived intoxicating products, often sold at gas stations, smoke shops, and unlicensed retailers, are a risk to broader public health; and**

**WHEREAS, it is crucial to protect consumers from potentially harmful substances and ensure the quality and safety of cannabis products available in our community; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has the authority to regulate the production, distribution, and sale of synthetic THC and hemp-derived intoxicating products within its jurisdiction; and**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners calls upon the State of Illinois to strictly regulate synthetic THC and hemp-derived intoxicating products sold at gas stations, smoke shops, and unlicensed retailers; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners call upon the State of Illinois to implement measures to enforce compliance with licensing and testing requirements for all synthetic THC and hemp-derived intoxicating products to protect the health and well-being of our residents; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners call upon the State of Illinois to consider penalties for those found in violation of regulations regarding the sale of unregulated synthetic THC and hemp-derived intoxicating products to deter illicit activities and safeguard public health; and**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and other relevant state agencies to urge prompt action on this matter.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to defer 24-5224. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Moore, Gordon, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Morita and Scott (2)

**ADJOURNMENT**

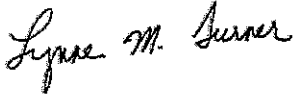
**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to adjourn the meeting.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Moore, Gordon, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Morita and Scott (2)

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.