

New Intoxicating Hemp Restrictions Bill Passes NJ Senate Committee

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The New Jersey Senate Committee advanced S-4509, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Teresa Ruiz and Senate President Nick Scutari, establishing rules for intoxicating hemp products distinct from cannabis. The bill integrates these products into the adult-use cannabis market, bans online and vending machine sales, requires lab testing, and sets new excise taxes and licensing.

Partner **Bill Caruso**, Acting President of the NJ CannaBusiness Association, supported the bill as a step to bolster the adult-use cannabis market, noting that intoxicating hemp MSOs can partner with licensed manufacturers and that hemp farmers could gain access to the adult-use market. He emphasized: "This is pretty much done. Congress acted."

Other advocates emphasized public safety and the need to regulate high-THC hemp products while raising concerns about protecting local hemp businesses.

If passed, NJ-CRC will implement licensing, employee education, and sales rules, shaping the future of intoxicating hemp in New Jersey.=

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