

Missouri Attorney General Launches Probe Into Intoxicating Hemp Goods

Attorney General Investigates Intoxicating Hemp Products

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Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey (R) launched an investigation into four companies Wednesday as part of an effort to crack down on intoxicating hemp products.

Lack of Clarity in Labeling

The problem, according to Bailey, is the products in question—such as delta-8 edibles and vape pens—are not clearly labeled to indicate that they'll get you high.

Calls for Regulation and Age Restrictions

While intoxicating hemp products are federally legal, they are completely unregulated, leading to calls for state-level regulations, including age restrictions, labeling requirements, and testing.

Legislative Divide

Proposed legislation to regulate intoxicating hemp products faces significant division among lawmakers, with some advocating for strict regulations that would likely eliminate many current products from the market.

Unclear Targets of Investigation

Bailey's investigation has targeted several companies, including CBD Kratom Connect LLC and American Shaman, raising questions about the intended focus of the probe.

Industry Voices

Leaders in the hemp industry, like David Palatnik of CBD Kratom, advocate for transparent labeling and responsible practices, while expressing concerns about the potential impact of stringent regulations on hemp businesses.

Addressing Public Safety Concerns

Bailey's investigation comes amid growing public safety concerns, exemplified by recent incidents involving children consuming delta-8 products packaged to resemble candy.

Legislative Efforts

Efforts to regulate intoxicating hemp products in the Missouri legislature face challenges, with proposed bills encountering opposition and concerns over licensing and revenue.

Moving Forward

State lawmakers continue to debate proposals to regulate intoxicating hemp products, with differing opinions on licensing structures and industry oversight.

Advocating for Consumer Safety

Despite legislative divides, there is a shared goal among stakeholders to ensure consumer safety and prevent deceptive marketing practices in the hemp industry.

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