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A BILL directing the Virginia State Crime Commission to analyze kratom enforcement and regulation in the United States; report.

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Virginia State Crime Commission (the Commission), in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, shall conduct analysis of the enforcement and regulation of *Mitragyna speciosa*, commonly known as kratom, throughout the United States. In conducting its analysis, the Commission shall determine (i) the status of kratom enforcement and regulation at the federal level; (ii) whether states regulate kratom through criminalization or consumer protection laws; (iii) the penalties, if any, associated with violations of state law related to kratom, including individual possession and retail sales; (iv) any other information it deems relevant to kratom enforcement and regulation in the Commonwealth; and (v) any recommendations for changes to existing laws related to the enforcement or regulation of kratom. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission for this analysis, upon request. The Commission shall submit an executive summary and report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.*