House Bill 551
By: Representatives Hill of the 3rd, Caldwell of the 20th, Jones of the 91st, Mathiak of the 73rd,
Newton of the 123rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
To amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to1
controlled substances, so as to provide for legislative findings; to provide a definition; to2
provide for the identification of a standard level of kratom alkoloids and establish3
recommended dosages; to provide for the prohibition of access to kratom to persons under 184
years of age; to provide for package labeling requirements; to provide for penalties; to5
provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled
substances is amended by adding a new Article 6, as follows:

"ARTICLE 6.
16-13-120. The General Assembly finds that research of the benefits and safety risks of kratom and its
role in battling opioid addiction is important to the public welfare of the citizens of
Georgia. This body also finds that the General Assembly, along with federal, state and local
law enforcement, should collaborate to create additional standards based on scientific
research to protect kratom users. The General Assembly also finds there is an increased
need to monitor kratom product quality to protect kratom consumers and all citizens.

16-13-121. As used in this article, the term 'kratom' means the tropical evergreen known as the
Mitragyna speciosa that is native to Southeast Asia that contains the alkaloid mitragynine
which has stimulant and opioid-like properties.
16-13-122.  
(a) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall work with the United States Drug 
Enforcement Agency to identify a standard level of kratom alkaloids, specifically 
mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine, that is naturally found in Mitragyna speciosa.  
(b) Based on the findings pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, a recommenced 
dosage shall be established according to the standard level of alkaloids naturally found in 
kratom, as well as a list of other substances that have harmful interactions with kratom.

16-13-123.  
No person shall sell or transfer possession of any kratom to another person under 18 years 
of age, nor shall any person under 18 years of age possess or buy any amount kratom.

16-13-124.  
Kratom packaging shall be accompanied by a label bearing the following information prior 
to its sale in this state: 
(1) Clearly labeled ingredients; 
(2) That the sale or transfer possession of any kratom to another person under 18 years 
of age is prohibited; 
(3) The amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine contained in the product; 
(4) The amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine contained in the packaging; 
(5) The common or usual name of each ingredient used in the manufacture of the kratom 
product, listed in descending order of predominance; 
(6) The name and the principal mailing address of the manufacturer or the person 
responsible for distributing the kratom product; 
(7) Clear and adequate directions for the consumption of kratom the product necessary 
for its safe and effective use; and 
(8) Any precautionary statements as to the safety and effectiveness of the kratom 
product.

16-13-125.  
Any person who distributes or possesses kratom with the intent to distribute to any person 
under 18 years of age shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2.  
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.