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State Rep. Brad Christ Files Legislation to Establish "Kratom Consumer Protection Act"

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Representative Brad Chris has pre-filed House Bill 504, which aims to protect consumers and ensure the safety of kratom products sold in Missouri with the establishment of the "Kratom Consumer Protection Act". HB 504 is a reintroduction of previously filed HB 912 in 2023.

Kratom is typically used for its stimulant and pain-relieving properties. HB 504 would introduce important safeguards for the regulation, manufacturing, sale, and labeling of these products. Some of the key takeaways from HB 504 include the prohibition of mixing kratom products with harmful and/or synthetic compounds and substances, mandatory ingredient labeling, age restriction, and accountability for those that may violate rules and regulations put into law.

"This piece of legislation would allow for those who choose to use these kratom products to do so safely," said Christ, R-St. Louis. "When clear standards are set, we can prevent dangerous practices and provide peace of mind to Missourians. This is just a commonsense approach that balances consumer safety with personal freedom."

HB 504 builds on similar legislative efforts introduced in previous sessions, underscoring ongoing bipartisan support for consumer protections. Christ hopes to garner further support from colleagues for this bill in the approaching legislative session, which begins January 8, 2025.

Representative Brad Christ, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County (District 96) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022. For more information, please contact Rep. Christ at 573-751-2150 or by email at **Brad.Christ@House.Mo.Gov**.