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House Bill 156 version B - Industrial Hemp

Sectional Analysis

“An Act relating to industrial hemp; and providing for an effective date.”

Section 1

Two subsections added to this section authorizing the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to include the manufacturing and retail sales of products made from industrial hemp, as well as registration and renewal procedures, in the regulations for the industrial hemp program.

Section 2

Lays out process for DNR Commissioner to sanction unregistered growers or growers producing hemp with THC concentrations in violation of legal limits. Gives the DNR Commissioner the ability to work constructively with a grower if their crop tests above .3% but below 1.0% THC.

Section 3

Adds language that a registrant for the industrial hemp program is not eligible if they had been convicted of a felony involving a controlled substance within the last ten years. This section is added to comply with provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill.

Section 4

Empowers department to: issue orders and violations to unregistered growers; adopt regulations regarding shipping of industrial hemp; conduct random tests and inspections

Section 5

Adds that the department may develop an industrial hemp program that complies with federal requirements and submit a plan for the program to USDA for approval.

Section 6

A grower may retain and recondition their crop if it tests above .3% but below 1.0% THC.

Section 7

A new subsection adds that a person who retains but fails to recondition is guilty of a violation.

Section 8

Changes the statutory definition of industrial hemp to match the federal definition which was changed in the 2018 Farm Bill.

Section 9

Repeals AS 03.05.077 the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program

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Sections 10 & 11

Conditional effect for Section 9 of the bill, in that the Pilot Program statute is repealed when the Industrial Hemp Program developed by the department is approved by the USDA. Effective date of legislation is the day after DNR Commissioner notifies the Revisor of Statutes of program approval by USDA.

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