

ALASKA STATE SENATE



Explanation of Changes in Committee Substitute for SB6

CS for Senate Bill 6 "Alaska Grown Industrial Hemp"

The committee substitute for SB6 makes significant changes in order to comply with federal law concerning the classification and regulation of industrial hemp in the state of Alaska. It also establishes regulatory authority of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture concerning industrial hemp pilot programs and removes industrial hemp from the list of controlled substances.

Page 1, lines 1 through 4:

Bill title revised to more clearly defined intent and the subject matter addressed. The Act relates to regulation and production of industrial hemp, addresses the establishment of pilot programs, separates by definition and change in statute industrial hemp from marijuana and clarifies adding industrial hemp to food does not adulterate that food.

Page 1, lines 6 through 14 and page 2:

Adds industrial hemp as an agricultural product to Title 3. It further establishes the Division of Agriculture as the regulatory authority for industrial hemp, lays out minimum registration guidelines and establishes guidelines for seed, plant and record retention by registered growers.

Page 3, lines 1 through 8:

Adds language establishing industrial hemp growth as a pilot program that only those who have registered or an institution of higher learning may participate in. This additional language is added in order to be in line with Section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

Page 3, lines 9 through 11:

Places the definition of industrial hemp under Title 3 instead of under Title 11 as it was in the original bill. The definition itself is unchanged and matches the definition in Section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

Page 3, lines 12 through 21:

Language added to the bill, specifying that under AS 11.71.900, industrial hemp is not marijuana, thereby removing industrial hemp from the list of controlled substances.

Page 3, lines 22 through 24:

Language added to exclude food containing industrial hemp from adulterated foods under Title 17.

Page 3, lines 25 through 30 and Page 4, lines 1 and 2:

Language added to further exclude industrial hemp from marijuana definitions under Title 17.