

1 **SEC. 7606. LEGITIMACY OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the Controlled
3 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), the Safe and
4 Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (20 U.S.C. 7101
5 et seq.), chapter 81 of title 41, United States Code, or
6 any other Federal law, an institution of higher education
7 (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act
8 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) or a State department of agri-
9 culture may grow or cultivate industrial hemp if—

10 (1) the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated
11 for purposes of research conducted under an agricul-
12 tural pilot program or other agricultural or academic
13 research; and

14 (2) the growing or cultivating of industrial
15 hemp is allowed under the laws of the State in which
16 such institution of higher education or State depart-
17 ment of agriculture is located and such research oc-
18 curs.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) AGRICULTURAL PILOT PROGRAM.—The
21 term “agricultural pilot program” means a pilot pro-
22 gram to study the growth, cultivation, or marketing
23 of industrial hemp—

24 (A) in States that permit the growth or
25 cultivation of industrial hemp under the laws of
26 the State; and

1 (B) in a manner that—

2 (i) ensures that only institutions of
3 higher education and State departments of
4 agriculture are used to grow or cultivate
5 industrial hemp;

6 (ii) requires that sites used for grow-
7 ing or cultivating industrial hemp in a
8 State be certified by, and registered with,
9 the State department of agriculture; and

10 (iii) authorizes State departments of
11 agriculture to promulgate regulations to
12 carry out the pilot program in the States
13 in accordance with the purposes of this
14 section.

15 (2) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.—The term “industrial
16 hemp” means the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* and any
17 part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a
18 delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not
19 more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

20 (3) STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—
21 The term “State department of agriculture” means
22 the agency, commission, or department of a State
23 government responsible for agriculture within the
24 State.