

ALASKA STATE SENATE



Explanation of Changes in Committee Substitute for SB6

CS for Senate Bill 6 Version R to E "Alaska Grown Industrial Hemp"

Page 1, Lines 8 & 9:

Intent language added in section one of the bill. The intention is for the legislature to reevaluate the regulation of industrial hemp in seven years.

The sunset dates on the previous version have been removed with the addition of this section.

Page 1, Lines 10 – 14, Page 2 and Page 3, lines 1 through 21:

A new section is added to the bill under AS 03.05.010 regarding the powers and duties of the commissioner of natural resources. To this list of powers and duties is added, regulating industrial hemp. Under these duties, the commissioner will be required to specify approved sources and varieties of industrial hemp seed, require registered growers to test for THC content at the time of harvest, be authorized to conduct random testing of industrial hemp and provide information regarding general production practices including the establishment of isolation distances.

This section also requires that the department submit a list of registered growers of industrial hemp to the marijuana control board and the department of public safety.

Page 3, lines 22 – 28:

A stop sale order shall be issued for any plant with a THC level over .3% and the commissioner shall notify the marijuana control board and the department of public safety when a stop sale order is issued.

Page 5, lines 21 – 25:

Industrial hemp produced under this section cannot be used to produce hashish, hashish oil or marijuana concentrates. CBD oils are not included in the definitions of hashish or hashish oil in this subsection.

Page 5, lines 26 and 27:

Producing Industrial Hemp without a registration is a violation with a penalty of \$500.

Page 6, lines 5 – 15:

Registrants must possess proof of industrial hemp registration while transporting.

Language also added allowing the display of registration on a mobile electronic device as a valid form of registration for transportation of industrial hemp under this section. Also, displaying proof of registration on a mobile electronic device does not constitute consent for a peace officer's access to other contents on the device.

Page 7, lines 17-30:

Requires the Department of Natural Resources to submit a report by December 1, 2024 on the regulation of industrial hemp in the state.