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HOUSE BILL DRH20396-TQz-44A\* (04/08)

Short Title: Amend Industrial Hemp Definition. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brody, Dixon, Langdon, and Steinburg (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF ALLOWABLE RESEARCH PURPOSES FOR  
3 THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP PILOT PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
4 AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 106-568.53 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 106-568.53. Powers and duties of the Commission.

8 The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- 9 (1) To establish an agricultural program to grow or cultivate industrial hemp in the  
10 State. The Commission shall pursue any permits or waivers from the United  
11 States Drug Enforcement Agency or any other federal agency that are necessary  
12 for the establishment of the industrial hemp cultivation pilot program  
13 established by this Article.
- 14 (2) To issue licenses allowing a person, firm, or corporation to cultivate industrial  
15 hemp for ~~commercial-research~~ purposes to the extent allowed by federal law,  
16 upon proper application as the Commission may specify. For purposes of this  
17 Article, research purposes include the growth, cultivation, and marketing of  
18 industrial hemp. Each licensee shall provide a complete and accurate legal  
19 description of the location of the industrial hemp farming operation, including  
20 GPS coordinates, and the license shall be issued for cultivation only in those  
21 locations identified in the application and shall include on its face the  
22 description of those areas. The Department shall provide administrative support  
23 to the Commission for the processing of applications and issuance of licenses.

24 ...."

25 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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