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SENATE BILL DRS15295-TQz-44* (04/08)

Short Title: Amend Industrial Hemp Definition. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators B. Jackson, Cook, and Wade (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.

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



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