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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
102 **AGRICULTURE TO REGULATE INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill repeals the industrial hemp remediation pilot program in the department of public health and environment, enacted by House Bill 12-1099, and replaces the pilot program with a program in the department of agriculture (department) that requires a person seeking to engage in industrial hemp cultivation for commercial purposes or to grow industrial

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*



1 ~~25-18.7-103~~ 35-61-103.

2 (3) [Formerly 25-18.7-101 (5)] "DELTA-9 tetrahydrocannabinols"  
3 has the same meaning AS "TETRAHYDROCANNABINOLS" AS set forth in  
4 section ~~12-22-303 (32)~~ 27-80-203 (24), C.R.S.

5 (4) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

6 (5) [Formerly 25-18.7-101 (3)] "Industrial hemp" means ~~any~~  
7 ~~variety of the~~ A plant OF THE GENUS cannabis sativa L. AND ANY PART OF  
8 THE PLANT, WHETHER GROWING OR NOT, containing A DELTA-9  
9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION OF no more than three-tenths  
10 of one percent of tetrahydrocannabinols, ~~whether growing or not~~ ON A  
11 DRY WEIGHT BASIS.

12 **35-61-102. [Formerly 25-18.7-102] Industrial hemp -**  
13 **permitted growth by registered persons.** (1) ~~Growing and possessing~~  
14 ~~industrial hemp for the purposes of this article is permitted in this state~~  
15 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A  
16 PERSON WHO HOLDS A REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
17 35-61-104 MAY:

18 (a) ENGAGE IN INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION FOR COMMERCIAL  
19 PURPOSES; OR

20 (b) GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP OUTDOORS ON NOT MORE THAN TEN  
21 ACRES FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

22 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, ~~an individual~~ A  
23 PERSON REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 35-61-104 is not subject to  
24 any civil or criminal actions for ~~growing industrial hemp or otherwise~~  
25 ~~participating in the industrial hemp remediation pilot program~~ ENGAGING  
26 IN THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION if the  
27 ~~individual's actions are~~ PERSON IS ACTING in compliance with the ~~pilot~~

1 ~~program established in this article.~~

2 **35-61-103. Industrial hemp committee - appointments - duties**  
3 **- coordination with department.** (1) (a) [Formerly 25-18.7-103 (1)]

4 THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP COMMITTEE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED. The chair of  
5 the agriculture, livestock, and natural resources committee in the house  
6 of representatives and the chair of the agriculture, natural resources, and  
7 energy committee in the senate shall jointly appoint ~~seven~~ EIGHT members  
8 to the industrial hemp ~~remediation pilot program~~ committee ~~which is~~  
9 ~~hereby established~~ AS FOLLOWS:

10 (I) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL HEMP  
11 REGULATION;

12 (II) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A FARMER FROM A COOPERATIVE;

13 (III) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A COMMERCIAL FARMER;

14 (IV) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE IN SEED DEVELOPMENT AND  
15 GENETICS;

16 (V) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE HEMP MANUFACTURING  
17 INDUSTRY;

18 (VI) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING SMALL HEMP BUSINESSES;

19 (VII) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CITIZEN ADVOCATE FOR INDUSTRIAL  
20 HEMP; AND

21 (VIII) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A RESEARCH  
22 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

23 (b) THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IS THREE  
24 YEARS; EXCEPT THAT THE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
25 SUBPARAGRAPHS (I), (V), (VI), AND (VII) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
26 SUBSECTION (1) SHALL SERVE INITIAL TWO-YEAR TERMS TO ENSURE  
27 STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE.

1 (c) EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLDS OFFICE UNTIL HIS OR HER  
2 TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS DULY APPOINTED. IF A  
3 VACANCY OCCURS ON THE BOARD, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL  
4 APPOINT A NEW MEMBER MEETING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBER  
5 VACATING THE POSITION TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED  
6 TERM OF THE MEMBER.

7 (d) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT  
8 COMPENSATION BUT ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND  
9 NECESSARY TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE  
10 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF THE  
11 COMMITTEE.

12 (2) [Formerly 25-18.7-103 (2) (a)] The committee shall WORK  
13 WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO establish an industrial hemp remediation pilot  
14 REGISTRATION program referred to in this section as the "pilot program",  
15 in order to determine how soils and water may be made more pristine and  
16 healthy by phytoremediation, removal of contaminants, and rejuvenation  
17 through the growth of industrial hemp. The committee shall choose a  
18 secure, indoor growing site for the pilot program PURSUANT TO SECTION  
19 35-61-104 UNDER WHICH A PERSON MAY OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO:

20 (a) ENGAGE IN INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION ; OR

21 (b) GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP OUTDOORS ON NOT MORE THAN TEN  
22 ACRES FOR PURPOSES OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

23 (3) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN  
24 DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER CRITERIA A PERSON MUST  
25 SATISFY TO QUALIFY FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

26 (4) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

27 **35-61-104. Registration - cultivation of industrial hemp -**

1     **research and development growth - rules.** (1) A PERSON WISHING TO  
2     ENGAGE IN INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES  
3     OR TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
4     PURPOSES IN ANY GIVEN YEAR SHALL APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A  
5     REGISTRATION IN A FORM AND MANNER DETERMINED BY THE  
6     COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMITTEE, BY MAY 1 OF  
7     THE YEAR IN WHICH THE APPLICANT PLANS TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP  
8     FOR COMMERCIAL OR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. THE  
9     APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT  
10    AND THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION, GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM LOCATION,  
11    AND MAP OF THE LAND AREA ON WHICH THE APPLICANT PLANS TO ENGAGE  
12    IN INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION OR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
13    GROWTH OPERATIONS. THE APPLICANT SHALL ALSO SUBMIT TO THE  
14    DEPARTMENT THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 35-61-106 (2).

15           (2) IF A PERSON APPLIES FOR REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
16    SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES  
17    THAT THE PERSON HAS SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION  
18    PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A  
19    REGISTRATION TO THE PERSON. A REGISTRATION AUTHORIZING  
20    INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GROWTH MUST LIMIT  
21    THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP GROWTH AREA TO NOT MORE THAN TEN ACRES.

22           (3) A REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS VALID  
23    FOR ONE YEAR. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE ENGAGING IN INDUSTRIAL HEMP  
24    CULTIVATION OR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GROWTH OPERATIONS IN  
25    THIS STATE, THE REGISTRANT MUST ANNUALLY APPLY FOR A  
26    REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

27           (4) IF THE REGISTRANT WISHES TO ALTER THE LAND AREA ON

1 WHICH THE REGISTRANT WILL CONDUCT INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION  
2 OR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GROWTH OPERATIONS, BEFORE  
3 ALTERING THE AREA, THE REGISTRANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE  
4 DEPARTMENT AN UPDATED LEGAL DESCRIPTION, GLOBAL POSITIONING  
5 SYSTEM LOCATION, AND MAP SPECIFYING THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS.

6 (5) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT RULES BY MARCH 1, 2014,  
7 AND AS NECESSARY THEREAFTER TO IMPLEMENT THE REGISTRATION  
8 PROGRAM AND TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THIS ARTICLE.

9 **35-61-105. Report of growth and sales activities - verification**  
10 **of crop content - testing - waiver of concentration limits - rules.**

11 (1) AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND MORE OFTEN AS REQUIRED BY THE  
12 COMMISSIONER, A PERSON WHO OBTAINS A REGISTRATION UNDER THIS  
13 ARTICLE TO ENGAGE IN INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION FOR COMMERCIAL  
14 PURPOSES SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT A REPORT THAT INCLUDES  
15 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

16 (a) PRIOR TO PLANTING, A VERIFICATION THAT THE CROP THE  
17 REGISTRANT WILL PLANT IS OF A TYPE AND VARIETY OF HEMP THAT WILL  
18 PRODUCE A DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION OF NO  
19 MORE THAN THREE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT ON A DRY WEIGHT BASIS;

20 (b) DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING THAT THE REGISTRANT HAS  
21 ENTERED INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AN IN-STATE INDUSTRIAL  
22 HEMP PROCESSOR; AND

23 (c) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER  
24 BY RULE.

25 (2) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMITTEE,  
26 SHALL ADOPT RULES TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR REQUIRING  
27 REGISTRANTS TO SUBMIT CROP SAMPLES TO AN APPROVED TESTING

1 FACILITY, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER, FOR TESTING AND  
2 VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE LIMITS ON DELTA-9  
3 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION. THE RULES SHALL ALSO  
4 ESTABLISH A PROCESS BY WHICH A REGISTRANT MAY APPLY TO THE  
5 COMMISSIONER FOR A WAIVER FROM THE DELTA-9  
6 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION LIMITS UNDER  
7 CIRCUMSTANCES SPECIFIED IN THE RULES.

8 **35-61-106. [Formerly 25-18.7-104] Industrial hemp**  
9 **registration program cash fund - fees.** (1) ~~The committee is authorized~~  
10 ~~to seek and accept gifts, grants, or donations from private or public~~  
11 ~~sources for the purposes of this article; except that the committee shall not~~  
12 ~~accept a gift, grant, or donation that is subject to conditions that are~~  
13 ~~inconsistent with this article or any other law of the state. The committee~~  
14 ~~shall transmit all private and public moneys received through gifts, grants,~~  
15 ~~or donations to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to~~ THERE IS  
16 HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY the INDUSTRIAL hemp  
17 ~~remediation pilot~~ REGISTRATION program cash fund, ~~which fund is hereby~~  
18 ~~created and referred to in this article as the "fund".~~ THE FUND CONSISTS  
19 OF FEES COLLECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)  
20 OF THIS SECTION. The moneys in the fund are subject to annual  
21 appropriation by the general assembly to the department of public health  
22 and environment ~~for appropriation to the committee~~ for the direct and  
23 indirect costs associated with implementing this article.

24 (2) (a) ~~In seeking or accepting a gift, grant, or donation, the~~  
25 ~~committee shall notify the legislative council staff when it has received~~  
26 ~~adequate funding through gifts, grants, or donations for the industrial~~  
27 ~~hemp remediation pilot program and shall include in the notification the~~



1 ~~information specified in section 24-75-1303 (3), C.R.S.~~ THE  
2 COMMISSIONER SHALL COLLECT A FEE FROM PERSONS APPLYING FOR A  
3 REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
4 SET THE FEE BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE LAND AREA ON WHICH THE PERSON  
5 WILL CONDUCT INDUSTRIAL HEMP OPERATIONS AND SHALL SET THE FEE AT  
6 A LEVEL SUFFICIENT TO GENERATE THE AMOUNT OF MONEYS NECESSARY  
7 TO COVER THE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS IN  
8 IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL TRANSMIT THE  
9 FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE STATE TREASURER  
10 FOR DEPOSIT IN THE FUND.

11 ~~(b) This subsection (2) is repealed, effective July 1, 2015.~~

12 **35-61-107. Violations - penalties.** (1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY  
13 DENY, REVOKE, OR SUSPEND A REGISTRATION IF THE APPLICANT OR  
14 REGISTRANT:

15 (a) VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR RULES ADOPTED  
16 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE;

17 (b) ENGAGES IN FRAUD OR DECEPTION IN THE PROCUREMENT OR  
18 ATTEMPT TO PROCURE A REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR PROVIDES  
19 FALSE INFORMATION ON A REGISTRATION APPLICATION; OR

20 (c) FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ANY LAWFUL ORDER OF THE  
21 COMMISSIONER.

22 (2) THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY, NOT TO  
23 EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER VIOLATION, ON ANY  
24 PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ARTICLE OR ANY RULE ADOPTED UNDER THIS  
25 ARTICLE.

26 (3) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT IMPOSE A PENALTY AGAINST A  
27 PERSON ALLEGED TO HAVE VIOLATED THIS ARTICLE OR A RULE ADOPTED

1 UNDER THIS ARTICLE UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER HAS NOTIFIED THE PERSON  
2 OF THE CHARGE AND HAS GIVEN THE PERSON AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A  
3 HEARING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S.

4 (4) IF THE COMMISSIONER IS UNABLE TO COLLECT A CIVIL PENALTY  
5 OR IF A PERSON FAILS TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF A CIVIL PENALTY  
6 IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY BRING AN  
7 ACTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO RECOVER THE CIVIL  
8 PENALTY PLUS ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.

9 **35-61-108. Exportation of industrial hemp.** NOTHING IN THIS  
10 ARTICLE LIMITS OR PRECLUDES THE EXPORTATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT", AS  
12 AMENDED, 21 U.S.C. SEC. 801 ET SEQ., FEDERAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED  
13 UNDER THE ACT, AND CASE LAW INTERPRETING THE ACT.

14 **35-61-109. [Formerly 25-18.7-105] Repeal of article.** (1) This  
15 article is repealed ~~effective July 1, 2022.~~ IF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
16 OCCURS:

17 (a) THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ENACTS, THE PRESIDENT SIGNS,  
18 AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTS FEDERAL LAW  
19 AUTHORIZING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO  
20 REGULATE THE CULTIVATION AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
21 INDUSTRIAL HEMP; AND

22 (b) THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
23 COMMITTEE, THAT INDUSTRIAL HEMP, AS A COMMODITY IN THE MARKET,  
24 IS FINANCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY STABLE, AND STATE REGULATION OF  
25 INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION IS NO LONGER NECESSARY.

26 (2) UPON THE OCCURRENCE OF THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN  
27 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE

1 REVISOR OF STATUTES, IN WRITING, THAT THE CONDITIONS HAVE  
2 OCCURRED.

3 **SECTION 2. Repeal of relocated and nonrelocated provisions**  
4 **in this act.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** article 18.7 of title 25;  
5 except that 25-18.7-101 (2) and (4) and 25-18.7-103 (2) (b) and (2) (c) are  
6 not relocated.

7 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.