

**UPDATED SUMMARY
HOUSE BILL 16-1079**

Second Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

~~Because marijuana and hemp are illegal under federal law and federal law governs whether a product can be labeled or advertised as "organic", marijuana or hemp that is cultivated, processed, and sold in accordance with state law currently cannot be labeled or advertised as "organic".~~ **Section 3** of the bill directs the commissioner of agriculture to promulgate rules governing a program to enable consumers to easily identify *organic* medical and retail marijuana. ~~and industrial hemp that have been cultivated and processed without the use of pesticides.~~ The department of agriculture will certify third parties who can certify whether the marijuana ~~or hemp~~ cultivated or processed at a particular cannabis facility is ~~free of pesticides~~ *organic*. **Sections 1 and 2** allow marijuana product labels to include a standardized notification that the marijuana has been certified as being ~~pesticide-free~~ *organic*.

\$65,640 and 0.5 FTE is appropriated to the plant industry division in the department from the marijuana cash fund, of which amount \$28,503 is reappropriated to the department of law for implementation of the act.