



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5481**

LCO No. 4456



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE LEGALIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1,  
2 2019, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall submit a plan to the  
3 United States Department of Agriculture for the full implementation of  
4 the legalization of industrial hemp, as defined in 7 USC 5940. Such  
5 plan shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for the tracking of  
6 land utilized in industrial hemp production, testing methods for  
7 determining the level of concentrations of tetrahydrocannabinol in  
8 plants and disposal methods for plants or products that exceed the  
9 authorized level of tetrahydrocannabinol. Concomitantly, such plan  
10 shall be submitted to the joint standing committee of the General  
11 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to agriculture. Upon  
12 approval of such plan by the United States Department of Agriculture,  
13 the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
14 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the  
15 provisions of such approved plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To fully implement the legalization of industrial hemp in accordance with public act 15-202.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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