

**CULTIVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill deals with the licensing of cultivators and processors of industrial hemp and the registration of industrial hemp products.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Food to license a person who wishes to participate in an industrial hemp research pilot program;
- ▶ creates a process to register an industrial hemp product;
- ▶ prohibits a person from cultivating industrial hemp without a license;
- ▶ prohibits the distribution of an industrial hemp product without registration;
- ▶ authorizes rulemaking authority; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

[4-41-102](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 25

[4-41-103](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345

ENACTS:

30 [4-41-104](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

31 [4-41-105](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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33 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

34 Section 1. Section [4-41-102](#) is amended to read:

35 **[4-41-102. Definitions.](#)**

36 For purposes of this chapter:

37 (1) "Agricultural pilot program" means a program to study the growth, cultivation, or  
38 marketing of industrial hemp.

39 ~~(1)~~ (2) "Industrial hemp" means any part of a cannabis plant, whether growing or not,  
40 with a concentration of less than 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol by weight.

41 ~~(2)~~ (3) "Industrial hemp certificate" means a certificate issued by the department to a  
42 higher education institution to grow or cultivate industrial hemp under Subsection [4-41-103](#)(1).

43 (4) "Industrial hemp license" means a license issued by the department to a person for  
44 the purpose of participating in a research pilot program.

45 (5) "Industrial hemp product" means a product derived from, or made by, processing  
46 industrial hemp plants or industrial hemp parts.

47 (6) "Licensee" means an individual or business entity possessing a license issued by the  
48 department under this chapter to grow, cultivate, process, or market industrial hemp or an  
49 industrial hemp product.

50 (7) "Person" means:

51 (a) an individual, partnership, association, firm, trust, limited liability company, or  
52 corporation; and

53 (b) an agent or employee of an individual, partnership, association, firm, trust, limited  
54 liability company, or corporation.

55 (8) "Research pilot program" means a program conducted by the department in  
56 collaboration with at least one licensee to study methods of cultivating, processing, or  
57 marketing industrial hemp.

58 Section 2. Section **4-41-103** is amended to read:

59 **4-41-103. Industrial hemp -- Agricultural and academic research.**

60 (1) The department and its licensee may grow [~~or~~], cultivate, or process industrial  
61 hemp for the purpose of agricultural [~~or~~], academic, or market research.

62 (2) The department shall certify a higher education institution to grow or cultivate  
63 industrial hemp for the purpose of agricultural or academic research if the higher education  
64 institution submits to the department:

65 (a) the location where the higher education institution intends to grow or cultivate  
66 industrial hemp;

67 (b) the higher education institution's research plan; and

68 (c) the name of an employee of the higher education institution who will supervise the  
69 industrial hemp growth, cultivation, and research.

70 (3) The department shall maintain a list of each industrial hemp certificate holder and  
71 licensee.

72 (4) The department shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
73 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

74 (a) ensure any industrial hemp project or research pilot project meets the standards of  
75 an agricultural pilot project, as defined by Section 7606 of the United States Agricultural Act  
76 of 2014[-];

77 (b) establish requirements for a license to participate in an industrial hemp research  
78 pilot program;

79 (c) set sampling and testing procedures for industrial hemp; and

80 (d) define a class or category of an industrial hemp product that is eligible for sale,  
81 transfer, or distribution to a member of the public.

82 (5) A person seeking to cultivate industrial hemp shall provide to the department:

83 (a) the legal description and global positioning coordinates sufficient for locating any  
84 field or greenhouse used by the person to grow industrial hemp; and

85 (b) written consent allowing a representative of the department and local law

86 enforcement to enter all premises where industrial hemp is cultivated, processed, or stored for  
87 the purpose of:

- 88 (i) conducting a physical inspection; or
- 89 (ii) ensuring compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

90 (6) The following individuals are not eligible to obtain a license under this chapter:

- 91 (a) an individual who has been convicted of a felony; and
- 92 (b) an individual who has been convicted of a drug-related misdemeanor within the last  
93 10 years.

94 ~~[(5)]~~ (7) The department may set a fee, pursuant to Subsection 4-2-103(2), for the  
95 application of an industrial hemp certificate and the application for an industrial hemp license.

96 Section 3. Section 4-41-104 is enacted to read:

97 **4-41-104. Product registration required for distribution -- Application -- Fees --**  
98 **Renewal.**

99 (1) An industrial hemp product that is not registered with the department may not be  
100 distributed in this state.

101 (2) A person seeking registration for an industrial hemp product shall:

- 102 (a) apply to the department on forms provided by the department; and
- 103 (b) submit an annual registration fee, determined by the department pursuant to  
104 Subsection 4-2-103(2), for each industrial hemp product the person intends to distribute in this  
105 state.

106 (3) The department may conduct tests, or require test results, to ensure that any claim  
107 made by an applicant about an industrial hemp product is accurate.

108 (4) Upon receipt by the department of a proper application and payment of the  
109 appropriate fee, as described in Subsection (2), the department shall issue a registration to the  
110 applicant allowing the applicant to distribute the registered hemp product in the state through  
111 June 30 of each year, subject to suspension or revocation for cause.

112 (5) The department shall mail, either through the postal service or electronically, forms  
113 for the renewal of a registration to a registrant at least 30 days before the day on which the

114 registrant's registration expires.

115 Section 4. Section **4-41-105** is enacted to read:

116 **4-41-105. Unlawful acts.**

117 (1) It is unlawful for a person who is not a licensee to cultivate, handle, process, or  
118 market living industrial hemp plants, viable hemp seeds, leaf materials, or floral materials  
119 derived from industrial hemp.

120 (2) It is unlawful for any person to distribute or market an industrial hemp product that  
121 is not registered with the department pursuant to Section [4-41-104](#).

122 (3) The department may seize and destroy hemp plants or products that do not comply  
123 with this chapter, including cannabis plants or products that contain a concentration of 0.3%  
124 tetrahydrocannabinol or greater by weight.

125 (4) Nothing in this chapter authorizes any person to violate federal law, regulation, or  
126 any provision of this title.