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03/17/2014 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations
03/24/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; authorizing industrial hemp research in accordance with
1.3 federal law; authorizing rulemaking; requiring a report; proposing coding for
1.4 new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18K.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[18K.01] DEFINITIONS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.
1.8 Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture.
1.9 Subd. 3. **Industrial hemp.** "Industrial hemp" means the plant Cannabis sativa L.
1.10 and any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol
1.11 concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

1.12 Sec. 2. **[18K.03] PILOT PROGRAM; OTHER RESEARCH AUTHORIZED.**

1.13 Subdivision 1. **Authorized activity.** The commissioner may grow or cultivate
1.14 industrial hemp pursuant to a pilot program administered by the commissioner to study
1.15 the growth, cultivation, or marketing of industrial hemp. The commissioner may
1.16 authorize institutions of higher education to grow or cultivate industrial hemp as part
1.17 of the commissioner's pilot program or as is necessary to perform other agricultural or
1.18 academic research.

1.19 Subd. 2. **Site registration.** Before growing or cultivating industrial hemp, each site
1.20 must be certified by and registered with the commissioner. A person must register each
1.21 site in the form prescribed by the commissioner.

1.22 Subd. 3. **Rulemaking.** The commissioner may adopt rules that govern the pilot
1.23 program in accordance with this section and Public Law 113-79.

2.1 Sec. 3. **REPORT REQUIRED.**

2.2 No later than January 15, 2015, the commissioner of agriculture must report to the
2.3 legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance proposed legislation
2.4 to implement sections 1 and 2, including a fee structure that complies with Minnesota
2.5 Statutes, section 16A.1285, and is sufficient to cover the commissioner's costs. The
2.6 commissioner must use funds previously appropriated to the commissioner for fiscal
2.7 year 2014 or 2015 to carry out this section.

2.8 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.9 Sections 1 and 2 are effective July 1, 2015.