

may participate in the pilot program; providing for certain restrictions on the license; requiring the Department of Agriculture to conduct a background and criminal history records check on an individual who applies to participate in the pilot program; requiring the Department of Agriculture to follow certain procedures when submitting an application to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for a criminal history records check; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository to provide certain criminal history information to the Department of Agriculture; requiring an individual to register with a certain federal agency before the Department may issue a license to participate in the pilot program; requiring the Department to assist individuals in the process of registering with a certain federal agency; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain regulations in consultation with certain agencies; and generally relating to a pilot program to study the growth and marketing of industrial hemp in the State.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 9-801 through 9-806, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Pilot Program to Study the Growth and Marketing of Industrial Hemp"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

SUBTITLE 8. PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY THE GROWTH AND MARKETING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

9-801.

(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "HEMP PRODUCT" MEANS A PRODUCT GENERATED FROM THE PLANT MATERIALS OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

(2) "HEMP PRODUCT" INCLUDES CLOTH, CORDAGE, FIBER, FOOD, FUEL, OIL, PAINT, PAPER, PARTICLE BOARD, PLASTICS, AND SEED FOR CONSUMPTION OR CULTIVATION.

(C) "INDUSTRIAL HEMP" MEANS ALL PARTS AND VARIETIES OF THE PLANT CANNABIS SATIVA L. CONTAINING NO GREATER THAN 1% TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL BY WEIGHT.

9-802.

(A) THERE IS A ~~4-YEAR~~ PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY THE GROWTH AND MARKETING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN THE STATE.