

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO ALLOW THE CONTROLLED GROWTH AND PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN ORDER TO ASSESS:

(1) THE FEASIBILITY OF GROWING INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN THE STATE;
AND

(2) THE AVAILABILITY AND EXTENT OF THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL MARKET FOR INDUSTRIAL HEMP GROWN IN THE STATE AND HEMP PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN THE STATE.

9-803.

(A) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, SHALL ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) IN ADDITION TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN § 9-805 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL ENSURE THE SAFE CULTIVATION AND USE OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP BY:

(1) CONTROLLING THE SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP SEEDS THAT WILL BE USED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT ONLY THOSE VARIETIES THAT MEET THE TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL LIMITATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE CULTIVATED;

(2) REQUIRING THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM BY GROWING, HANDLING, TRANSPORTING, OR PROCESSING INDUSTRIAL HEMP BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-805 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

~~(3)~~ (3) INSPECTING AND TESTING PERIODICALLY INDUSTRIAL HEMP CROPS FOR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONTENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE; AND

~~(4)~~ (4) CERTIFYING THE TRANSPORTATION AND FINAL DESTINATION OF RAW INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

9-804.

(A) ONLY STATE AGRICULTURAL LAND MAY BE USED FOR GROWING INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(B) ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY THAT IS BEING USED TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER § 9-805 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REGISTER AND CERTIFY SITES FOR THE GROWTH OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.