

# H.F. 2946

As Introduced

Subject Hemp

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### **Overview**

This bill modifies the industrial hemp program administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). Under current law and this bill, an MDA license is generally required to grow or process industrial hemp (i.e., hemp) in this state.

Hemp is defined for purposes of state and federal law as the Cannabis sativa L. plant and its derivatives if the delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration is no more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

## **Summary**

### **Section Description**

### 1 Requirement; issuance; presumption.

Modifies hemp licensing requirements by eliminating references to commercial purposes and specifying that a license is required to research industrial hemp regardless of whether the person grows the hemp themselves.

### 2 Background check; data classification.

Expands background check requirements to include any first-time authorized representative of a license applicant.

### 3 Rulemaking.

Extends MDA's existing industrial hemp rules until the earlier of August 16, 2025, or the date that MDA's permanent hemp rules are adopted.

#### 4 Repealer.

Repeals a requirement that hemp licensees file certain reports with MDA and notify MDA of each sale or distribution of hemp within 30 days. Repeals an industrial hemp pilot program.



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