

Subject Industrial hemp
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Overview

This bill would make several modifications to the state's industrial hemp development statutes.

In December of 2018, the United States Congress passed and President Donald Trump signed the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (also known as Public Law 115-334, or the 2018 Farm Bill). Among other things, the law removed hemp from the federal controlled substances list and explicitly authorized farmers to grow it nationwide, subject to certain restrictions.

Summary

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1	<p>Industrial hemp.</p> <p>Amends the definition of "industrial hemp" to include hemp seeds, cannabinoids, extracts, and other named hemp derivatives and byproducts. With this change, the state definition of industrial hemp would be similar to the federal definition of hemp established in the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. This change would effectively authorize the possession, transportation, processing, sale, and purchase of these items in the state.</p>
2	<p>Agricultural crop; possession authorized.</p> <p>Authorizes hemp, as defined above, that was lawfully grown in another state. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 authorized interstate hemp commerce.</p>
3	<p>Marijuana.</p> <p>Modifies the definition of "marijuana" under state controlled substance law to provide that industrial hemp, as defined above, is not marijuana.</p>
4	<p>Application required.</p> <p>Requires the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for primary regulatory authority over industrial hemp in Minnesota. Under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, a state may submit a plan to USDA and request primary regulatory jurisdiction over hemp within the state's</p>

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	<p data-bbox="355 275 1357 373">borders. USDA would retain some amount of regulatory power, as provided in the federal law. If Minnesota does not apply or USDA rejects the state's proposal, USDA would retain primary regulatory jurisdiction over hemp in the state.</p> <p data-bbox="355 411 1325 443">Effective date: This section would be effective the day following final enactment.</p>



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