

HOUSE BILL 443

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By: **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Beidle, Lam, and Morhaim**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Industrial Hemp – Agricultural or Academic Research**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Agriculture or an institution of higher
4 education to grow or cultivate industrial hemp if the industrial hemp is grown or
5 cultivated for agricultural research or academic research purposes; requiring certain
6 sites used to grow or cultivate industrial hemp to be certified by and registered with
7 the Department; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining
8 ~~a certain term~~ certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
9 relating to growing or cultivating industrial hemp for agricultural research or
10 academic research purposes.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Agriculture

13 Section 14–101 and 14–102 to be under the new title “Title 14. Industrial Hemp”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Agriculture**

19 **TITLE 14. INDUSTRIAL HEMP.**

20 **14–101.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~IN THIS SUBTITLE, "INDUSTRIAL HEMP" MEANS THE PLANT CANNABIS SATIVA~~

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) (1) "INDUSTRIAL HEMP" MEANS THE PLANT CANNABIS SATIVA L.
5 AND ANY PART OF SUCH PLANT, WHETHER GROWING OR NOT, WITH A
6 DELTA-9-TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION THAT DOES NOT EXCEED
7 0.3% ON A DRY WEIGHT BASIS.

8 (2) "INDUSTRIAL HEMP" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PLANT OR PART OF
9 A PLANT INTENDED FOR A USE THAT IS REGULATED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 33
10 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

11 (C) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
12 10-101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

13 14-102.

14 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OR
15 AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY GROW OR CULTIVATE INDUSTRIAL
16 HEMP IF THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP IS GROWN OR CULTIVATED FOR AGRICULTURAL
17 RESEARCH OR ACADEMIC RESEARCH PURPOSES.

18 (B) A SITE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
19 EDUCATION TO GROW OR CULTIVATE INDUSTRIAL HEMP SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY
20 AND REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

21 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE
22 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2016. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of Chapter 456 of the Acts
25 of the General Assembly of 2015. If Chapter 456 takes effect, with no further action
26 required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and
27 effect.