



General Assembly

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LCO No. 2032



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF
LEGALIZING INDUSTRIAL HEMP.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioners of Consumer
2 Protection and Economic and Community Development shall study
3 the feasibility of legalizing the production, possession and sale of
4 industrial hemp for the purpose of encouraging economic
5 development and increasing the number of new businesses in this
6 state. Not later than January 1, 2015, the commissioners shall jointly
7 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
8 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
9 having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and
10 commerce concerning their recommendations on (1) a statutory
11 definition of "industrial hemp", based on the percentage of proposed
12 tetrahydrocannabinol in such industrial hemp, as distinguished from
13 marijuana, (2) how to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of
14 "controlled substance" in section 21a-240 of the general statutes, and (3)
15 establishing a licensing system for industrial hemp growers and
16 sellers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study of the feasibility of legalizing industrial hemp production, possession and sales.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]