



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 893

January Session, 2019



AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR HEMP PRODUCTION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2020,
2 the Commissioner of Agriculture shall adopt regulations, in
3 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
4 establish an agricultural pilot program for the purpose of growing or
5 cultivating industrial hemp in accordance with the provisions of
6 section 7 USC 5940, as amended from time to time. Such pilot program
7 shall be established for the purpose of studying the growth, cultivation
8 and marketing of industrial hemp in a manner that ensures that only
9 such department grows or cultivates such industrial hemp through the
10 use of sites that are certified by, and registered with, the Department of
11 Agriculture. In developing the regulations required by this section, the
12 commissioner shall review and incorporate the provisions of the
13 Kentucky Department of Agriculture Industrial Hemp Research Pilot
14 Program 2017 Policy Guide, as the commissioner deems appropriate
15 and consistent with the provisions of 7 USC 5940, as amended from
16 time to time. For the purposes of this section, "industrial hemp" means
17 the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of such plant, whether
18 growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of
19 not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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