



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 206

April 14, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives GARTHWAITE, M. WILLIAMS, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, BLACK, GRIGSBY, PARISI, POCAN, POPE-ROBERTS, SOLETSKI, VRUWINK and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rural Economic Development.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** creating a committee to study the uses of industrial hemp.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates the Committee to Study the Uses of Industrial Hemp. The bill requires the committee to review literature related to industrial hemp, to evaluate the economic opportunities for this state that could result from producing and using industrial hemp, and to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

2 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

3 (1) COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USES OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

4 (a) There is created the committee to study the uses of industrial hemp
5 consisting of the following members:

6 1. Two members appointed by the governor.

7 2. Two members appointed by the president of the senate.

8 3. Two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly.

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1 4. The chair of the senate committee with jurisdiction over agriculture.

2 5. The chair of the assembly committee with jurisdiction over agriculture.

3 6. The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection or the
4 secretary's designee.

5 7. The secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee.

6 8. The president of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., or the
7 president's designee.

8 (b) The president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly shall each
9 appoint a cochairperson of the committee to study the uses of industrial hemp. The
10 committee shall meet upon the call of the cochairpersons.

11 (c) The committee to study the uses of industrial hemp shall do all of the
12 following:

13 1. Conduct a review of scientific and business literature on the industrial uses
14 of industrial hemp, including uses of industrial hemp as an alternative fuel and
15 motor oil; uses of omega–3 rich industrial hemp seed and industrial hemp oil in snack
16 foods, body care products, and food supplements; uses of industrial hemp fibers as
17 raw materials for construction and paper products and for fabric; and uses of
18 industrial hemp in the manufacture of recyclable car parts.

19 2. Conduct a review of scientific literature on the different types of hemp and
20 how industrial hemp differs from the hemp plant that is used in the illegal drug trade
21 because it contains a high content of tetrahydrocannabinols.

22 3. Conduct a review of economic literature on the economic benefits of and the
23 economic markets for products made using industrial hemp.

24 4. Conduct a review of actions taken by the federal government and other states
25 to allow production of industrial hemp for industrial uses.

