

HOUSE BILL No. 5439

March 27, 2014, Introduced by Reps. Daley, Lauwers, Pettalia, Foster, Brown, Kelly, Pscholka, Kowall, Lori, Rendon, LaFontaine, Denby, Lyons, Pagel, Jacobsen, Barnett, Geiss, Yanez, Victory, Johnson, Callton and McMillin and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to authorize the growing and cultivating of industrial hemp for research purposes; to authorize the receipt and expenditure of funding for research related to industrial hemp; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials and colleges and universities in this state.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "industrial hemp research act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural
5 development.

6 (b) "Fund" means the industrial hemp research fund created in
7 section 4.

8 (c) "Industrial hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and

1 any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9-
2 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry
3 weight basis.

4 Sec. 3. (1) The department or a college or university in this
5 state may grow or cultivate, or both, industrial hemp for purposes
6 of research conducted under an agricultural pilot program or other
7 agricultural or academic research project.

8 (2) A college or university in this state may receive direct
9 grants from the federal government or any other source for the
10 purpose of conducting research authorized under this act.

11 Sec. 4. (1) The industrial hemp research fund is created
12 within the state treasury.

13 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
14 any source for deposit into the fund, including federal research
15 grants. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the
16 fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and
17 earnings from fund investments.

18 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
19 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

20 (4) The department shall be the administrator of the fund for
21 auditing purposes.

22 (5) The department shall expend money from the fund, upon
23 appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

24 (a) Research into growing or cultivating, or both, industrial
25 hemp.

26 (b) Providing grants to colleges or universities in this state
27 to conduct research into growing or cultivating, or both,

1 industrial hemp.

2 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless

3 Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5440 (request no. 05174'14

4 a) of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.