
By: **Delegate C. Davis**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Industrial Hemp - Department of Agriculture - Study and Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study on the
4 feasibility of growing and marketing industrial hemp; requiring the Department
5 to report to the Governor and the General Assembly in a certain manner and by
6 a certain date; providing for the contents of the report; and generally relating to
7 the study of growing industrial hemp in the State and marketing industrial
8 hemp grown in the State.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That the Department of Agriculture shall conduct a study on the
11 feasibility of growing industrial hemp in the State and marketing industrial hemp
12 grown in the State. On or before December 1, 2000 the Department shall report to the
13 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General
14 Assembly on: (1) the feasibility of growing industrial hemp in the State; (2) the
15 potential economic viability of growing industrial hemp as an agricultural practice in
16 the State; (3) the procedures that a person must follow in order to become authorized
17 to grow industrial hemp in the State; and (4) the potential market for industrial hemp
18 grown in the State and for industrial hemp products processed in the State.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2000.