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BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1472

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and S. Robinson” and substitute “S. Robinson, and Dwyer”; in line 2, strike “Pilot Program” and substitute “Study”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through “agencies” in line 28 and substitute “requiring the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with certain federal and State agencies and the University of Maryland, College Park, to study the feasibility of growing industrial hemp in the State and the availability of certain markets relating to industrial hemp and hemp products; requiring the Secretary to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date”; and in line 29, strike “a pilot program to study” and substitute “a study on”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 4 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) “Hemp product” means a product generated from the plant materials of industrial hemp.

(ii) “Hemp product” includes cloth, cordage, fiber, food, fuel, oil, paint, paper, particle board, plastics, and seed for consumption or cultivation.

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(3) “Industrial hemp” means the plant Cannabis sativa L. and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall, in consultation with appropriate federal and State agencies and the University of Maryland, College Park, study:

- (i) the feasibility of growing industrial hemp in the State; and
- (ii) the availability and extent of a commercial and industrial market for:
 - 1. industrial hemp grown in the State; and
 - 2. hemp products manufactured in the State.

(c) On or before December 1, 2014, the Secretary shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the results of the study conducted under subsection (b) of this section, including:

- (i) strategies for the safe cultivation and use of industrial hemp in the State;
- (ii) the status of industrial hemp programs in other states;
- (iii) the level and nature of interest in growing industrial hemp in the State;
- (iv) recommendations regarding the most appropriate funding mechanism for an industrial hemp pilot project;

(v) recommendations regarding licensing and testing requirements for growing, handling, transporting, processing, and marketing of industrial hemp; and

(vi) recommendations regarding an industrial hemp pilot project that best meets the needs of the State.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 5, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and strike beginning with “It” in line 6 down through “effect.” in line 8.