

HB0698/680813/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 698
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Rosenberg” and substitute “Rosenberg, Anderton, Beidle, Carr, Clark, Flanagan, Folden, Frush, Gilchrist, Healey, Holmes, Jacobs, Jalisi, Knotts, Lewis, McCray, McMillan, Otto, Robinson, and Wivell”; in line 3, after “of” insert “repealing certain provisions of law that authorize, under certain circumstances, a person to plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell, or buy industrial hemp in the State; repealing a certain contingency on certain provisions of law relating to the legalization of industrial hemp in the State; repealing certain provisions of law that authorize, under certain circumstances, the Department of Agriculture or an institution of higher education to grow or cultivate industrial hemp;”; in line 4, strike “State”; in the same line, strike “of Agriculture”; after line 26, insert:

“BY repealing

Article - Agriculture

Section 14-101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 456 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015)”;

and after line 28, insert:

“Section 2 and 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 456 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015

Section 4”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “That” in line 19 down through “ENACTED,” in line 20; and after line 21, insert:

“Article – Agriculture

[14–101.

(a) In this section, “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% on a dry weight basis.

(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a person may plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell, or buy industrial hemp in the State.

(c) Before planting or growing industrial hemp, a person shall register with the Department.]

Chapter 456 of the Acts of 2015

[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is contingent on the taking effect of the federal Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2015 or another federal law that delegates authority over industrial hemp to the states or authorizes a person to plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell, and buy industrial hemp. The Maryland Department of Agriculture shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after the effective date of a federal law delegating authority to the states or authorizing the farming, possession, processing, and sale of industrial hemp. If a federal law does not take effect on or before October 1, 2030, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.]

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[SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That at the end of October 1, 2030, with no further action required by the General Assembly, § 14–101(c) of the Agriculture Article, as enacted by this Act, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That[, subject to Section 2 of this Act,] this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.”.

On page 5, in line 28, strike “3.” and substitute “2”.