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HOUSE BILL 15-1325

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING HEMP, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ADDING**
102 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP COMMITTEE**
103 **AND ALLOWING REGISTERED PERSONS TO POSSESS AND**
104 **TRANSPORT INDUSTRIAL HEMP.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill adds 2 members to the industrial hemp committee: A representative of the cannabinoid industry and a representative of the seed growers' industry. The committee shall investigate recycling of cannabis

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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waste and hemp that inadvertently exceeds the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol allowed for hemp producers. By January 1, 2016, the committee will make a report to the commissioner of agriculture and the house and senate committees that oversee agriculture.

Possession and transportation of hemp are added to the list of acts authorized by registration with the department of agriculture under the industrial hemp program.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-61-103, **amend**
3 (1) (a) introductory portion, (1) (a) (VIII), (1) (a) (IX), and (1) (b); and
4 **add** (1) (a) (X) and (1) (a) (XI) as follows:

5 **35-61-103. Industrial hemp committee - appointments - duties**
6 **- coordination with department.** (1) (a) The industrial hemp committee
7 is hereby established. The chair of the agriculture, livestock, and natural
8 resources committee in the house of representatives and the chair of the
9 agriculture, natural resources, and energy committee in the senate shall
10 jointly appoint ~~nine~~ ELEVEN members to the industrial hemp committee
11 as follows:

12 (VIII) One member who is a citizen advocate for industrial hemp;

13 **and**

14 (IX) One member who is a representative ~~from~~ OF a research
15 institution of higher education;

16 (X) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CANNABINOID
17 INDUSTRY; AND

18 (XI) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CERTIFIED
19 SEED GROWERS' INDUSTRY.

20 (b) The term of office of members of the committee is three years;
21 except that the members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (I), (V),
22 (VI), ~~and~~ (VIII), AND (XI) of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall

1 serve initial two-year terms to ensure staggered terms of office.

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3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-61-108, **amend**
4 (2) as follows:

5 **35-61-108. Exportation of industrial hemp - processing, sale,**
6 **and distribution.** (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
7 person engaged in processing, selling, ~~or otherwise~~ distributing,
8 TRANSPORTING, OR POSSESSING industrial hemp cultivated by a person
9 registered under this article, or selling industrial hemp products produced
10 therefrom, is not subject to any civil or criminal actions under Colorado
11 law for engaging in such activities.

12 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
15 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.