

1 seed and promote the research and development of industrial hemp. This
2 research may include:

- 3 (1) Oversight and analysis of growth of industrial hemp to conduct
- 4 agronomy research and analysis of required soils, growing conditions and
- 5 harvest methods relating to the production of various varieties of industrial
- 6 hemp that may be suitable for various commercial hemp products;
- 7 (2) seed research on various types of industrial hemp that are best
- 8 suited to be grown in Kansas, including seed availability, creation of
- 9 hybrid types, in-the-ground variety trials and seed production;
- 10 (3) analysis on the economic feasibility of developing an industrial
- 11 hemp market in various types of industrial hemp that can be grown in
- 12 Kansas;

13 (4) analysis on the estimated value-added benefits, including
14 environmental benefits, that Kansas businesses would reap by having an
15 industrial hemp market of Kansas-grown industrial hemp varieties;

16 (5) a study on the agronomy research conducted worldwide relating
17 to industrial hemp varieties, production and utilization; and
18 (6) a study on the feasibility of attracting federal and private funding
19 for industrial hemp research.

20 (b) The secretary of agriculture shall ~~have the authority to~~ promulgate
21 rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the alternative crop
22 research act.

23 ~~Nothing in the alternative crop research act shall be construed to~~
24 authorize any person to violate any federal law.

25 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5702 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows: 21-5702. (a) Prosecutions for crimes committed prior to July 1,
27 2009, shall be governed by the law in effect at the time the crime was
28 committed. For purposes of this section, a crime was committed prior to
29 July 1, 2009, if any element of the crime occurred prior thereto.

30 (b) The prohibitions of this act shall apply unless the conduct
31 prohibited is authorized by the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas, the
32 uniform controlled substances act, *the alternative crop research act* or
33 otherwise authorized by law.

34 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5702 is hereby repealed.

35 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
36 publication in the statute book.

Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, a
requirement that license holders shall have a current license in their
possession at all times that they are engaged in cultivation, growth,
research, oversight, study, analysis or transportation of certified seed or
industrial hemp pursuant to this act.

(c) The department shall oversee and annually license all persons
participating in the cultivation, growth, research, oversight, study,
analysis or transportation of certified seed or industrial hemp pursuant to
this act.

(d) (1) The department shall require, as a qualification for initial or
continuing licensure, all individuals seeking a license or license renewal
under this act to be fingerprinted and to submit to a state and national
criminal history record check. The fingerprints shall be used to identify
the individual and to determine whether the individual has a record of
criminal history in this state or other jurisdiction. The department is
authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of
investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for a state and
national criminal history record check. The department may use the
information obtained from fingerprinting and the criminal history
records check for purposes of verifying the identification of the person
and for making an official determination of the qualifications for initial
or continuing licensure pursuant to the act and rules and regulations
promulgated pursuant to the act. Disclosure or use of any information
received by the department for any purpose other than the purpose
provided for in this section shall be a class A misdemeanor and shall
constitute grounds for removal from office or termination of
employment.

(2) A person who has been convicted of any of the following shall be
disqualified from initial or continuing licensure under the act: a felony
violation of article 57 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
and amendments thereto, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a01 through
21-36a17, prior to their transfer, or any felony violation of any provision
of the uniform controlled substances act prior to July 1, 2009.

(3) The Kansas bureau of investigation may charge a reasonable fee for
conducting a criminal history record check.

(4) The applicant shall pay the costs of fingerprinting and the state and
national criminal history record check.

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