

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **SB 263** be amended on page 1, following line 12, by inserting:

"(2) "Delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration" means the combined percentage of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol and its optical isomers, their salts and acids, and salts of their acids, reported as free THC on a dry weight basis, of any part of the plant cannabis sativa L.";

Also on page 1, following line 13, by inserting:

"(4) "Grower" means any person who has been approved and licensed by the department to grow or cultivate industrial hemp for the purposes of this act.";

Also on page 1, in line 16, by striking "metal" and inserting "meal"; in line 21, after "institution" by inserting ", a grower"; following line 23, by inserting:

"(7) "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity.";

Also on page 1, by striking all in lines 30 through 34; in line 36, after "institution" by inserting "or any grower";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 2, in line 17, by striking the second "and"; in line 19, after "research" by inserting "; and

(7) a pilot program in Russell county for the purpose of economic development and market research of industrial hemp and industrial hemp products";

Also on page 2, following line 19, by inserting:

"(b) 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.

(c) (1) The department shall require, as a qualification for initial or continuing licensure, all persons 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 person and to determine whether the person has a record of criminal history in this state or any 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 record 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 this act and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this 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 this 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.";

Also on page 2, in line 20, by striking "have the authority to"; in line 22, after "act" by inserting "on or before December 31, 2018. 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.

(e) The department shall submit a report to the legislature outlining the steps and timeline to implement a process that would allow persons to grow and process industrial hemp in Kansas and to sell industrial hemp in other states. Such report shall be submitted to the senate standing committee on agriculture and natural resources on or before January 14, 2019";

Also on page 2, in line 24, after the second "any" by inserting "state or";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson