

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

**H\*3559 (Rat #0059, Act #0037 of 2017) General Bill, By Pitts, Ott, Putnam, Gagnon, Atkinson, Dillard, Martin, West, Hill, Bedingfield, Gilliard, Kirby, Davis, King, Whipper and Govan**

**Similar (S 0468)**

**Summary:** Industrial hemp cultivation

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 55, TITLE 46, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CULTIVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS, TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT INDUSTRIAL HEMP IS AN AGRICULTURAL CROP UPON WHICH CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY CONDUCT RESEARCH, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MAY ISSUE PERMITS TO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO APPLY AND BE ISSUED A PERMIT, TO PROVIDE THAT INDUSTRIAL HEMP OR HEMP PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN ADULTERANT, TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE GROWING, SELLING, AND IMPORTATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP AND HEMP SEED, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXCLUDES INDUSTRIAL HEMP FROM THE DEFINITION OF MARIJUANA, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES COVERED BY THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY STATE CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT SPECIFIES THAT CERTAIN CONDUCT REGARDING THE MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION, PURCHASE, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATING TO DISGUIISING MARIJUANA TO MAKE IT APPEAR TO BE INDUSTRIAL HEMP IS ILLEGAL, TO PROVIDE FOR LABORATORY TESTING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR DISGUIISING MARIJUANA TO APPEAR TO BE INDUSTRIAL HEMP. - ratified title

01/24/17	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 26)
01/24/17	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 26)
01/25/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Putnam, Gagnon
01/26/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Atkinson, Davis, Dillard
01/31/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Martin
02/01/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: West
02/02/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hill, Bedingfield
02/22/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard
03/23/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Kirby
03/23/17	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 4)
03/28/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: King
03/29/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper
03/29/17	House	Amended (House Journal-page 59)
03/29/17	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Tallon, Burns, Loftis, GR Smith, Long, Pitts, Ryhal, Hewitt, West (House Journal-page 59)
03/29/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Govan
04/04/17	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 47)
04/04/17	House	Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 50)
04/05/17		Scrivener's error corrected
04/05/17	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 78)
04/05/17	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)
04/05/17	Senate	Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources (Senate Journal-page 8)
04/20/17	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture and Natural Resources (Senate Journal-page 10)
04/21/17		Scrivener's error corrected
05/02/17	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 31)
05/02/17	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 31)
05/02/17	Senate	Roll call Ayes-35 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 31)
05/03/17		Scrivener's error corrected
05/03/17	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 26)

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**05/04/17**    **House**    **Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 56)**  
**05/09/17**                    **Ratified R 59**  
**05/10/17**                    **Signed By Governor**  
**05/17/17**                    **Effective date 05/10/17**  
**05/18/17**                    **Act No. 37**