

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 1020, 1st Eng.

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee; Agriculture Committee; and Senators Bradley, Albritton, Hutson, and Bracy

SUBJECT: State Hemp Program

DATE: May 2, 2019

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 024859 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1

The amendment:

- Provides that the bill language is the state hemp program and that if the plan is not approved by the federal government then the Commissioner of Agriculture shall work with the cabinet to provide the legislature with recommendations for a new plan.
- Allows the department to adopt rules regarding the issuance and annual renewal of licenses and the administration of the state hemp program.
- Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (department) to initiate rulemaking by August 1, 2019. The bill requires the department to adopt rule within 90 days of the effective date of the bill.
- Revises the definition of hemp extract to:
 - Apply to all hemp products containing hemp and that can be ingested; and
 - Remove language limiting the definition to hemp products containing more than a trace of CBD.
- Removes the \$500 civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements for hemp extract.
- Removes the authority for a college or university pilot project to participate in the state hemp program.
- Removes the requirement that the department submit with their legislative budget request an estimate of fees necessary to administer the program.
- Provides an effective date of July 1, 2019. The bill becomes effective upon becoming law.