

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1428

In addition to the amendments adopted by the Senate as printed on page 575 of the Senate Journal, Engrossed House Bill No. 1428 is further amended as follows:

Page 1, line 15, replace "The" with "Except for employees of the agricultural experiment station or the North Dakota state university extension service involved in research and extension related activities, the"

Page 2, line 13, after the underscored period insert "The commissioner shall establish a fee that must be paid by each licensee to provide sufficient funds to pay costs associated with monitoring and testing industrial hemp in the state. Collections from this fee must be deposited in the attorney general's operating fund."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

SENATE - This amendment exempts employees of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the NDSU Extension Service that may be involved in conducting hemp research from the requirement of a criminal background check.

This amendment also requires the Agriculture Commissioner to charge a fee to each licensed industrial hemp grower in the state that will generate sufficient funding to provide for the costs of the Attorney General's office associated with monitoring and testing industrial hemp being grown in the state. Collections from the fee will be deposited in the Attorney General's operating fund.