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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 522, L.D. 742, Bill, “An Act To Allow Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To Grow Hemp Indoors”

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 34 to 39 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**2. Growing permitted.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person may plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell and buy industrial hemp if that person holds a license issued pursuant to subsection 4. A person licensed pursuant to subsection 4 may plant, grow and harvest only hemp that is grown from seeds acquired from a certified seed source, grown from a clone that is produced from seeds acquired from a certified seed source or propagated from tissue cultures that are removed from live plants grown from seeds acquired from a certified seed source. A person licensed pursuant to subsection 4 may acquire hemp seeds directly from a certified seed source or from a hemp seed distributor licensed in this State distributing hemp seeds pursuant to subsection 2-A.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "indoors" the following: 'for the purpose of certified seed production by a person who is growing hemp for an academic research program conducted through a postsecondary education institution'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It clarifies that a person licensed to grow industrial hemp may grow hemp from a clone that is produced from seeds acquired from a certified seed source or hemp propagated from tissue cultures that are removed from live plants grown from seeds from a certified seed source.

It also directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules to provide for industrial hemp grown indoors for the purpose of certified seed

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1 production by a licensed person who is growing hemp for an academic research program  
2 conducted through a postsecondary education institution.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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