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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; modifying industrial hemp provisions; appropriating money;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 18K.04, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 18K.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Requirement; issuance; presumption.** (a) A person must obtain a license
1.7 from the commissioner before (1) growing industrial hemp ~~for commercial or research~~
1.8 ~~purposes~~, and (2) before processing industrial hemp for commercial purposes.

1.9 (b) To obtain a license under paragraph (a), a person must apply to the commissioner
1.10 in the form prescribed by the commissioner and must pay the annual registration and
1.11 inspection fee established by the commissioner in accordance with section 16A.1285,
1.12 subdivision 2.

1.13 (c) For a license to grow industrial hemp ~~for commercial or research purposes~~, the license
1.14 application must include the name and address of the applicant and the legal description of
1.15 the land area or areas where industrial hemp will be grown by the applicant and any other
1.16 information required under Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, part 990.

1.17 (d) For a license to process industrial hemp for commercial purposes, the license
1.18 application must include the name and address of the applicant, the legal description of the
1.19 processing location, and any other information required by the commissioner.

1.20 (e) A licensee is responsible for compliance with the license requirements irrespective
1.21 of the acts or omissions of an authorized representative acting on behalf of the licensee.

2.1 (f) When an applicant has paid the fee and completed the application process to the
 2.2 satisfaction of the commissioner, the commissioner must issue a license which is valid until
 2.3 December 31 of the year of application.

2.4 ~~(g) A person licensed under paragraph (a) to grow industrial hemp is presumed to be~~
 2.5 ~~growing industrial hemp for commercial or research purposes.~~

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.7 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROCESSING.**

2.8 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general
 2.9 fund to the commissioner of agriculture for value-added grants focused on industrial hemp
 2.10 processing with an emphasis on hemp and fiber processing. The appropriations under this
 2.11 section are made under the agricultural growth, research, and innovation program in
 2.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12. These appropriations are onetime and available until
 2.13 June 30, 2024.