

2013-2014 Bill 839: Industrial Hemp

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Last Amended on March 6, 2014

Passed by the General Assembly on May 20, 2014

Governor's Action: June 2, 2014, Signed

Summary: Industrial Hemp

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 55 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS LAWFUL TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN THIS STATE, THAT INDUSTRIAL HEMP IS EXCLUDED FROM THE DEFINITION OF MARIJUANA, TO PROHIBIT THE GROWING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP AND MARIJUANA ON THE SAME PROPERTY OR OTHERWISE GROWING MARIJUANA IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP TO DISGUISE THE MARIJUANA GROWTH, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Findings

SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) Hemp is a fiber and oilseed crop with a wide variety of uses, including twine, rope, paper, construction materials, carpeting, and clothing, and has the potential for use as a cellulosic ethanol biofuel.
- (2) Hemp seeds have been used in making industrial oils, cosmetics, medicines, and food.
- (3) Hemp and marijuana are genetically different cultivars of the same plant species and are scientifically distinguishable from each other.
- (4) Hemp is grown for scientific, economic, and environmental uses while marijuana is grown for narcotic use.
- (5) Research and development related to hemp has the potential to provide a cash crop for South Carolina's farmers with broad commercial application that will enhance the economic diversity and stability of our state's agricultural industry.

Industrial hemp cultivation

SECTION 2. Title 46 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

**"CHAPTER 55
Industrial Hemp Cultivation**

Section 46-55-10. For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) 'Industrial hemp products' means all products made from industrial hemp, including, but not limited to, cloth, cordage, fiber, food, fuel, paint, paper, particleboard, plastics, seed, seed meal and seed oil for consumption, and seed for cultivation if the seeds originate from industrial hemp varieties.

(2) 'Industrial hemp' means all parts and varieties of the plant *cannabis sativa*, cultivated or possessed by a licensed grower, whether growing or not, that contain of no more tetrahydrocannabinol concentration than adopted by federal law in the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 801, et seq.

(3) 'Tetrahydrocannabinol' means the natural or synthetic equivalents or substances contained in the plant, or in the resinous extractives of *cannabis*, or any synthetic substances, compounds, salts, or derivatives of the plant or chemicals and their isomers with similar chemical structure and pharmacological activity.

Section 46-55-20. It is lawful for an individual to cultivate, produce, or otherwise grow industrial hemp in this State to be used for any lawful purpose, including, but not limited to, the manufacture of industrial hemp products, and scientific, agricultural, or other research related to other lawful applications for industrial hemp.

Section 46-55-30. Industrial hemp is excluded from the definition of marijuana in Section 44-53-110.

Section 46-55-40. An individual who manufactures, distributes, dispenses, delivers, purchases, aids, abets, attempts, or conspires to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, purchase, or possesses with the intent to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, or purchase marijuana on property used for industrial hemp production, or in a manner intended to disguise the marijuana due to its proximity to industrial hemp, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than three thousand dollars, or both. The penalty provided for in this section may be imposed in addition to any other penalties provided by law."

Time effective

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 29th day of May, 2014.

Approved the 2nd day of June, 2014.

It's happening and we're sucking hind tit!!!

EuWe Eugen Wexler US Plastics in Anderson County

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Automotive supplier investing \$11.1 million in Upstate plant

COLUMBIA, S.C. – EuWe Eugen Wexler US Plastics, Inc., a subsidiary of the Germany-based EuWe Group, is establishing manufacturing operations in Anderson County. The automotive supplier is investing \$11.1 million to open its first U.S. facility in the Upstate of South Carolina. The investment is expected to create 49 new jobs in Anderson, S.C.

Established in 1968 as a supplier of only metal products, the EuWe Group has grown tremendously since its inception. In 1970, the company expanded its production offerings to include plastic parts. Then, in 1993, the EuWe Group established its first international operations with a facility in Mexico. Today, the firm employs more than 1,700 workers in three countries and exclusively supplies the automotive industry. It boasts a client list featuring 10 of the world's largest automobile manufacturers.

The opening of EuWe's Anderson County facility will allow the company to better serve its North American customers. Located off of I-85 at Alliance Industrial Park in Anderson, S.C., EuWe's South Carolina operations will focus on the production of automotive plastic interior parts.

EuWe's Anderson County operations are expected to reach full-scale production by 2017, with hiring expected to begin in the second quarter of 2016. Those interested in joining the EuWe Group team should visit the company's jobs page online at bit.ly/euwe-jobs. Support from the South Carolina Power Team and its partner, Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, were instrumental in the project's recruitment.

For more information on the EuWe Group, visitwww.euwe.com.

QUOTES

"EuWe is excited to soon start its first operations in the United States. When looking for the right site, we were impressed by the professionalism and also the welcoming demeanor of the people in South Carolina and especially those in Anderson County. As a company that is still managed by its founding family and

one that always plans for the future, we believe we'll find the best employees here in South Carolina to also make this endeavor a success." –EuWe Eugen Wexler US Plastics, Inc. CEO Markus Gosse

"Team South Carolina's focus on taking care of our businesses and their employees is helping our state become a top destination for international companies, like the EuWe Group, that are looking to expand into the United States. This multi-million dollar investment means 49 new jobs for South Carolinians, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome the EuWe Group to its new home in Anderson County." –Gov. Nikki Haley

"The automotive sector continues to drive South Carolina's economy. Today, we congratulate the EuWe Group on their decision to join the more than 250 automotive-related companies and suppliers that call the Palmetto State home." – Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"Welcome EuWe! Anderson County is, again, the best location for establishing and expanding businesses. We offer the best people, education, logistics, beautiful neighborhoods and wonderful cultural, recreational and outdoor opportunities. Where else can you find all the right ingredients for success in one county?" – Anderson County Council Member Cindy Wilson, District 7

FIVE FAST FACTS

- EuWe Eugen Wexler US Plastics, Inc. is establishing operations in Anderson County.
- \$11.1 million investment creating 49 new jobs.
- EuWe Group was founded in 1968 and is headquartered in Germany.
- The company's Anderson County facility will be located off of I-85 at Alliance Industrial Park in Anderson, S.C.
- Those interested in joining the EuWe Group team should visit the company's jobs page online at bit.ly/euwe-jobs.

ABOUT THE EUWE GROUP

The EuWe Group produces high-tech plastic products for the automotive sector. For more than 40 years, the company has been dedicated to

excellent quality, innovation and customer-oriented flexibility. Included among the EuWe Group's products are center consoles, pillar trim, trunk

panels, window frames, cladding, door sills, rear vents, engine compartment fairings and more. For more information, visit www.euwe.com.

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Jobs

This knowledge is the basis of our success, our development and growth within the automotive sector. To maintain our position as a leading supplier of plastic materials we have been promoting employees mastering their tasks with passion and...

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Governor Haley, Hope you will research the Canadian Hemp enterprise in Canada on you tour of Country. Canada ships 1 Billion in Hemp to U.S. each year. We could finally have the defunct Power Generator at University of South Carolina going with Hemp burning instead of woodchips.....I hope you contacted Harris Pastides to get N.F.L. #300,000.00 Grants to study Medical Marijuana on football injuries! A citizen that gets no answers from Political leaders on subjects that would create Billions of homegrown and manufactured products....hempformotherearth@yahoo.com Ricky Loftin (803) 771-4308

Wish you would bring this to attention of meetings with Commerce Department.....I've tried since 2005 on this matter.....Even tried to Bring Mercedes Benz wish to build 100 Million Dollar Plastic, cloth, cardboard and carpet factory to South Carolina/Mississippi....13 Car manufactures in 600 mile radius... Governor! Why are you not trying to lead South Carolina Citizens to better Environmental Jobs....????

February 18, 2014 Bill eyes hemp production in Indiana Manufacturers paying for imported product want to purchase here at home. By Maureen Hayden CNHI Statehouse Bureau Pharos-Tribune Pharos-Tribune Tue Feb 18, 2014, 02:50 AM EST INDIANAPOLIS – Gregg Baumbaugh has 4,000 pounds of cannabis sitting in his automobile parts manufacturing plant. It wasn't illegal for him to import it, but it's against the law for Indiana farmers to grow the variety of cannabis he buys in bulk. Baumbaugh wants to see that changed. The "weed" he uses to make the insides of interior doors and armrests at his Elkhart County facility doesn't have enough of the psychoactive ingredient THC to give anyone a marijuana mind-altering high. "If somebody smokes the stuff we import, the only thing they're going to get is a nasty headache," said Baumbaugh, CEO of FlexForm Technologies and an advocate for the legalization of industrial hemp. Last month, Baumbaugh testified in favor of legislation that could open the door in Indiana to the farming and production of pot's less potent cousin: hemp, a multipurpose crop that can be used in the production of textiles, foods, plastics, building materials and medicines. To the surprise of the bill's co-sponsor, Sen. Carlin Yoder, R-

Middlebury, the legislation passed out of the conservative, Republican-controlled Senate with unanimous support and is headed for the House. Similar legislation in past years, entangled with efforts to legalize marijuana, never got out of committee. "Nobody was expecting it was going to be a unanimous vote," said Yoder, who admitted he was a reluctant supporter of the bill until Baumbaugh — whose plant is in Yoder's district — enlightened him. Baumbaugh spends almost \$1 million a year importing hemp and other natural fibers that provide the lightweight, biodegradable material that his automobile manufacturing customers, including Mercedes-Benz

and Volkswagen, want used in their car interiors. The low weight of the material helps increase the car's fuel efficiency. "I could save a lot of money if I could buy it locally from farmers who were allowed to grow it,"

Baumbaugh said. "It's easy to grow. That's why they call it a 'weed' — you can grow it anywhere." Yoder concurred: "The more research I do, the more ridiculous it seems that we're not growing hemp." Marijuana and hemp are different varieties of the same species of plant — *Cannabis Sativa* — which is why it's not a legal cash crop in Indiana. It used to be: The state's farmers produced industrial hemp rope during World War II when the federal government encouraged farmers to grow hemp as part of the war effort. But the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 lumped industrial hemp with marijuana and outlawed production of both, despite their chemical differences. According to the national Hemp Industries

Association, a pro-hemp trade group, manufacturers like Baumbaugh are allowed to import industrial hemp from countries that certify their product has a low level of THC — less than three-tenths of one percent. That's a small fraction of the THC content of marijuana, which runs 14 percent to 30 percent. Senate Bill 357, which Yoder co-sponsored with Sen. Richard Young, D-Milltown, is a first step toward pulling marijuana and hemp apart. It would clear the way for universities to conduct research to identify seeds to be certified by the state to grow hemp — a critical step in culling the similar-looking marijuana and hemp plants apart. The bill would also put the Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner at Purdue University in charge of overseeing hemp production, in cooperation with the Indiana State Police. It also creates a licensing procedure for Indiana farmers interested in growing hemp. None of it has meaning, though, unless the federal

government clears the way. That could happen soon too: The new federal Farm Bill, signed by President Obama earlier this month, allows state agriculture departments and universities to grow hemp for agricultural

research purposes. But it applies only to the 10 states that have legalized industrial hemp farming, as the Indiana legislation is attempting to do. Lauren Stansbury of the Hemp Industries Association, said the new federal farm bill provides a needed first step toward encouraging states to engage in industrial hemp production. "So often, hemp gets caught up in the politics of marijuana," she said. "But we're seeing more states recognize the agricultural value of hemp." Yoder says it helps to have farmers and manufacturers behind the bill. Retired Indiana Farm Bureau lobbyist Bob Kraft testified for the bill when it was in the Senate, lending the legislation more credence. Baumbaugh was glad to see him there. "I was afraid it was just going to me and a bunch of potheads," he said. "I thought if that happens, we won't have a snowball's chance in hell of seeing this thing get passed." The legislation is now in the House. Maureen Hayden covers the Statehouse for the CNHI newspapers in Indiana. She can be reached at maureen.hayden@indianamediagroup.com. Follow her on Twitter @MaureenHayden

I really need a job and Mayor Benjamin/Ms. Wilson won't let me work for City of Columbia!!!!!!

Ricky Loftin

03-24-15

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Creighton,

Glad we had a nice chat yesterday. It's imperative that we get the FATTED CALF 'HEMP PLASTIC' going in South Carolina first. YOU: Senator Coleman & MaryGail Kelly Douglas; need to call Mercedes Benz and invite them for a visit of potential HEMP PLASTIC site or two. I've made contact....?

Hemp Car: Plastic, carpet, clothe & cardboard

Hemp Milk: Beer & Liquor too.....

Take note that Coca Cola tried to buy up all alternative milks a month back!

Bank of America used Lobbyist to try and gain control of all Marijuana Sales in U.S. in Nov. but FAILED

Hemp Bio Fuel: cleanest diesel and gas in Nation.

Use leftover high protein feed for Kosher Livestock

Trade with Israel. Goats, cows, rabbits, quail,

Chickens & sheep.

Hemp for LEVI STRAUS: You need to call and see potential investment of need they are willing to invest in agriculture in S.C.? I have not done this yet! The Forest land sitting the size of Rhode Island not making money but every six to ten years needs to be turned into small farms {50-1000 acres} for wounded soldiers and retiring military personnel. Two crops of hemp each year off acreage with truck farming too. Eating healthy, protecting environment; while sending fresh hemp plastic/paper wrapped food to Israel! Exports!

Hemp Medical: Call Military and NFL and ask them to consider giving S.C. studies at Roche Research.....I have.....Need Help?

Fixing South Carolina State should be a breeze with all Hemp Products produced in South Carolina. Let's get South Carolina State a grant to pull poisons and chemicals out of ground, air and water at polluted sites around S.C.: Military Bases, Gadson Copper, refurbish landfills with beautiful hemp, wet lands and slush fund sites. We have to be first at a bunch of stuff to stay in front of other STATES.

HEMP FOR MOTHER EARTH; COMMON SENSE, INSIGHT, IMAGINATION, INGENUITY & INTEGRITY TOO....

Need a mentor, pro bono and paperwork guy to keep me legal and I'll bring 2 Billion to S.C. in 2016! I pay attention well and can do things once paperwork is started. Would your FRIENDS not rather support an organization that promoted jobs and small business creation in S.C. than give their taxes to Government? Just seeing how far and whom we'll come in contact with is reason to support this ole Hippie/Ex Con with GREAT OBTAINABLE IDEAS FOR HEALTHY FUTURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA! GOVERNMENT BACK FACTS FROM 1937! It's costly (\$60,000.00) a year to keep incarcerated for the STATE when I could be making jobs.

Has anyone else brought to your realization that Hemp could/would create so many HOMEGROWN & MANUFACTURED jobs for Citizens of S.C.?

Were you paying attention to Louisville Slugger selling out to Wilson for \$70 Million.....?

Did you read about emissions limits coming from Washington.....Hemp be the answer!

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

"Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another."

Thanks! Let me know what you think.

Ricky Loftin

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Hemp is like Apple in 70's.....unlimited creation of jobs and small businesses for OUR CITIZENS.....ENVIRONMENTAL GREEN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION!

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Dear Sirs:

I was totally disrespected by my supposedly Banking Family. I got a call on Friday that was on speaker phone without my consent nor did Mr. Wodogaza give me interview at time. How many employees were laughing at me?

HEMP FOR MOTHER EARTH has been educating Citizens since 2005 on ENVIRONMENTAL GREEN BENEFITS of Commercial Hemp Production. I thought putting potential Billion Dollar Crop in S.C. would interest my Family Bank.....NOT TRUE.....TOTALLY DISRESPECTED by banking personnel. I deserved a YES or NO INTEREST ANSWER; not maybe see President, this was original purpose of asking to talk to President of Bank!

Hemp will bring Billions to S.C. and it's a shame my Banking Family disrespects perceptive; informed Citizens. How do you make suggestion for YOUR bank to progress?

Sincerely,

Ricky Loftin