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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Rehwinkel Vasilinda offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 286 and 287, insert:

5 Section 13. Section 570.845, Florida Statutes, is created  
6 to read:

7 570.845 Agricultural hemp study.-

8 (1) The department shall conduct a study on the  
9 feasibility of cultivating agricultural hemp in this state. The  
10 Legislature intends to promote economic development and job  
11 growth through the cultivation, processing, distribution,  
12 manufacturing, and sale of hemp. Notwithstanding chapter 893, it  
13 is not a violation of state or local law to grow or cultivate  
14 hemp for the purposes of this study.

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15 (2) As used in this section, the term "hemp" means all  
16 parts of any plant of the genus *Cannabis* containing no more than  
17 0.3 percent delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol.

18 (3) Under the study, the Institute of Food and  
19 Agricultural Sciences of the University of Florida may grow or  
20 cultivate agricultural hemp in no more than five locations, to  
21 be determined by the department, for the purpose of studying the  
22 growth, cultivation, and marketing of agricultural hemp. The  
23 institute shall submit quarterly reports to the department  
24 containing recommendations on the most effective ways to grow  
25 hemp in this state.

26 (4) The department shall provide a report on the  
27 implementation of the study to the Governor and the Legislature  
28 by December 1, 2019. At a minimum, the report must include  
29 recommendations on the feasibility of legalizing the production  
30 of agricultural hemp in this state.

31 (5) The department may adopt rules to administer this  
32 section.

33 (6) This section expires June 30, 2020.

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36 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

37 Between lines 44 and 45, insert:  
38 creating s. 570.845, F.S.; requiring that the  
39 department conduct a study on the feasibility of  
40 cultivating agricultural hemp; defining the term

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41 "hemp"; authorizing the Institute of Food and  
42 Agricultural Sciences of the University of Florida to  
43 grow or cultivate hemp under the study; requiring that  
44 the institute submit quarterly reports to the  
45 department; requiring that the department submit a  
46 report to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
47 certain date; authorizing the department to adopt  
48 rules; providing for expiration;

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