

North Dakota Industrial Hemp Program

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North Dakota: IH Program Highlights 1997-1998

- ▶ March 1997
 - HB 1305
 - Authorized NDSU study.
- ▶ July 1998
 - NDSU completed study.
 - Recommendation: ND Legislature should consider authorizing experimental IH production and processing to gain baseline data.



North Dakota: IH Legislation 1999

- ▶ March 1999
 - HB 1428
 - Authorized the agriculture commissioner to regulate IH.
 - Recognized IH as an oilseed.
 - Allowed production of IH containing no more than 0.3% THC.
 - SB 2328
 - Authorized NDSU to conduct IH research.
 - HCR 3038
 - Urged Congress to acknowledge difference between IH and marijuana.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 1999-2000

- ▶ September 1999
 - NDSU submitted DEA registration application to cultivate IH for research purposes.
 - Proposed planting 160,000 viable seeds to produce 144,000 IH plants.
- ▶ May 2000
 - NDDA requested DEA's IH rules and regulations.



North Dakota: IH Legislation 2001

- ▶ March 2001
 - HCR 3020
 - Urged Congress to:
 - Acknowledge the difference between IH and marijuana.
 - Acknowledge that IH production will improve balance of trade.
 - Assist producers by authorizing IH production and by being the leading advocate for the IH industry.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 2003

- ▶ 2003
 - NDSU applied for permit from DEA to conduct research on agronomic requirements for IH production.
 - NDSU received state funding to erect security fences for test plot research upon DEA approval.



North Dakota: IH Legislation 2005

- ▶ March 2005
 - HB 1492
 - Authorized NDSU to:
 - Collect feral hemp seed.
 - Develop IH strains containing < .03% THC.
 - Authorized agriculture commissioner to:
 - Monitor seed collection.
 - Certify appropriate stocks for licensed commercial cultivation.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 2006

- ▶ February 2006
 - Met with DEA to discuss plans for rulemaking.
- ▶ May 2006
 - Notified DEA regarding intent to promulgate IH rules.
 - Opened draft IH rules to written public comment.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 2006 (2)

- ▶ June 2006
 - Held public hearing regarding IH rules.
- ▶ September 2006
 - Opened second written comment period regarding draft IH rules.
- ▶ November 2006
 - Adopted final IH rules.
- ▶ December 2006
 - Asked DEA to waive individual registration for state-licensed IH farmers.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 2007

- ▶ January 2007
 - IH rules became effective.
 - Opened licensing process.
 - Received two IH applications (Monson and Hauge).
 - Sent 2nd letter to DEA requesting registration waiver.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 2007 (2)

- ▶ February 2007
 - DEA denied registration waiver request.
 - Licensed Monson and Hauge.
 - Monson and Hauge applied for DEA registration.
 - Met with DEA to deliver Monson and Hauge registration applications; also asked DEA to act on applications before spring planting.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 2007 (3)

- ▶ March 2007
 - Again asked DEA to expedite processing of registration applications in advance of spring planting.
 - DEA said that response time on Monson and Hauge applications will take considerably more time.
- ▶ April 2007
 - Monson and I testify in support of Vermont's S.267.



North Dakota: IH Legislation 2007

- ▶ March 2007
 - SB 2099
 - In addition to farmers; processors allowed to apply for IH licenses.
 - HB 1490
 - Allowed anyone with a state IH license to import or resell certified IH seed.
 - HCR 3020
 - Urged Congress to direct DEA to differentiate IH and marijuana.
 - HCR 3028
 - Urged Congress to recognize benefits of IH.
 - HB 1020
 - Amended state IH law: state licenses are no longer conditioned or subject to review or approval by DEA.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 2007 (4)

- ▶ June 2007
 - DEA issued notice in Federal Register regarding Monson and Hauge registration applications.
 - Monson and Hauge filed lawsuit in federal district court.
- ▶ July 2007
 - NDSU submitted comments to DEA in support of Monson's and Hauge's registration applications.



North Dakota: IH Highlights 2007 (5)

- ▶ October 2007
 - NDSU submitted amicus brief in support of Monson/Hauge lawsuit.
- ▶ November 2007
 - *Monson v. DEA* argued in federal district court.
 - DEA submitted research MOA to NDSU.
 - Later in the month, Monson/Hauge lawsuit dismissed in federal district court.



North Dakota: IH Highlights Ending 2007 and 2008

- ▶ December 2007
 - Monson and Hauge filed notice of appeal in U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eight Circuit.
 - Monson and Hauge applied for 2008 ND IH licenses.
- ▶ January 2008
 - Monson and Hauge 2008 ND license applications under review.



Questions or Comments?

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