

1 **SEC. 7606. LEGITIMACY OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding the Controlled  
3 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), the Safe and  
4 Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (20 U.S.C. 7101  
5 et seq.), chapter 81 of title 41, United States Code, or  
6 any other Federal law, an institution of higher education  
7 (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act  
8 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) or a State department of agri-  
9 culture may grow or cultivate industrial hemp if—

10 (1) the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated  
11 for purposes of research conducted under an agricul-  
12 tural pilot program or other agricultural or academic  
13 research; and

14 (2) the growing or cultivating of industrial  
15 hemp is allowed under the laws of the State in which  
16 such institution of higher education or State depart-  
17 ment of agriculture is located and such research oc-  
18 curs.

19 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

20 (1) **AGRICULTURAL PILOT PROGRAM.**—The  
21 term “agricultural pilot program” means a pilot pro-  
22 gram to study the growth, cultivation, or marketing  
23 of industrial hemp—

24 (A) in States that permit the growth or  
25 cultivation of industrial hemp under the laws of  
26 the State; and

1 (B) in a manner that—

2 (i) ensures that only institutions of  
3 higher education and State departments of  
4 agriculture are used to grow or cultivate  
5 industrial hemp;

6 (ii) requires that sites used for grow-  
7 ing or cultivating industrial hemp in a  
8 State be certified by, and registered with,  
9 the State department of agriculture; and

10 (iii) authorizes State departments of  
11 agriculture to promulgate regulations to  
12 carry out the pilot program in the States  
13 in accordance with the purposes of this  
14 section.

15 (2) INDUSTRIAL HEMP.—The term “industrial  
16 hemp” means the plant *Cannabis sativa L.* and any  
17 part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a  
18 delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not  
19 more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

20 (3) STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—  
21 The term “State department of agriculture” means  
22 the agency, commission, or department of a State  
23 government responsible for agriculture within the  
24 State.