

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the use of industrial hemp for  
 3           construction; directing the Department of Agriculture  
 4           and Consumer Services to conduct a comprehensive study  
 5           on the use of industrial hemp to build structures and  
 6           submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a  
 7           specified date; providing study requirements;  
 8           providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Comprehensive study on use of industrial hemp  
 13 for construction.-

14           (1) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
 15 shall conduct a comprehensive study that identifies and makes  
 16 findings regarding the use of industrial hemp to build  
 17 structures.

18           (2) In conducting the study, the department must review,  
 19 at a minimum:

20           (a) Sustainability factors including, but not limited to,  
 21 water usage and energy consumption.

22           (b) Cost-effectiveness.

23           (c) Environmental impact.

24           (d) The feasibility and benefits of replacing state  
 25 government buildings with hempcrete structures in the future.

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26 |       (e) The viability of hemp for overall industrial use.  
27 |       (3) The department shall submit a report detailing its  
28 | findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
29 | Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1, 2022.

30 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.