

May 17, 2006

**S 1572. STUDY BENEFICIAL USES OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP.** Filed 5/17/06. *TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE BENEFICIAL INDUSTRIAL USES OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP, INCLUDING THE USE OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP OIL AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL AND THE USE OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP FIBER IN CONSTRUCTION AND PAPER PRODUCTS; TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROVIDES TO THE STATE; AND TO CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF AUTHORIZING INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION AS A FARM PRODUCT IN NORTH CAROLINA.* Creates a 15-member Commission as title indicates.

Requires that Commission report to the General Assembly and Environmental Review Commission by December 1, 2006, at which time the Commission will terminate. Appropriates from the General Fund to the General Assembly \$30,000 for 2006-07 for conducting the study. Effective July 1, 2006.

**Intro. by Bingham.**

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