A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CONFORM THE STATE’S LAWS CONCERNING HEMP WITH FEDERAL HEMP LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-87, as it reads following the expiration of S.L. 2015-299 pursuant to Section 4 of that act, reads as rewritten:

§ 90-87. Definitions.

As used in this Article:

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(13a) "Hemp" means the plant Cannabis sativa (L.) and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) on a dry weight basis.

(13b) "Hemp products" means all products made from hemp, including, but not limited to, cloth, cordage, fiber, food, fuel, paint, paper, particleboard, plastics, seed, seed meal and seed oil for consumption, and verified propagules for cultivation if the seeds originate from hemp varieties.

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(16) "Marijuana" means all parts of the plant of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of such plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds or resin, but shall not include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil, or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of germination. The term does not include hemp or hemp products.

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SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to produce educational materials to inform the public of operational changes in the hemp program.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2022. The remainder of this act becomes effective June 30, 2022.