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# H. R. 525

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude industrial hemp from the definition of marihuana, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2015

Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. POLIS, Mr. HANNA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. AMASH, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. FARR, Ms. GABBARD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HONDA, Mr. CLAY, Ms. LEE, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. O'Rourke, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BUCK, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BARR, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. WALZ, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. PERRY, Mr. YOHO, Mr. MULVANEY, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Industrial Hemp  
3 Farming Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP FROM DEFINI-**  
5 **TION OF MARIHUANA.**

6 Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
7 U.S.C. 802) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (16)—

9 (A) by striking “(16) The” and inserting  
10 “(16)(A) The”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(B) The term ‘marihuana’ does not include in-  
13 dustrial hemp.”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

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

20 **SEC. 3. INDUSTRIAL HEMP DETERMINATION.**

21 Section 201 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
22 U.S.C. 811) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(i) INDUSTRIAL HEMP DETERMINATION.—If a per-  
25 son grows or processes *Cannabis sativa* L. for purposes  
26 of making industrial hemp in accordance with State law,

1 the Cannabis sativa L. shall be deemed to meet the con-  
2 centration limitation under section 102(57).”.

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