

232:2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

232:3 Duties. The committee shall study the classifications of military vehicles and equipment and determine which classifications the state and its political subdivision may purchase or continue to own.

232:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

232:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2016.

232:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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CHAPTER 233 (HB 421)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

233:1 New Chapter; Agricultural Hemp Pilot Program. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 433-B the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 433-C

INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH

433-C:1 Industrial Hemp Defined. "Industrial hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

433-C:2 Authorization. An institution of higher education, as defined in 20 U.S.C. section 1001, may grow or cultivate industrial hemp, on site or off site, for purposes of research under an agricultural pilot program or other agricultural or academic research. In addition to studying the plant's growth and cultivation, the research

shall also study the economics of industrial hemp, including markets and processing. Industrial hemp grown or cultivated in accordance with this chapter shall not be considered a controlled drug or controlled substance under RSA 318-B.

433-C:3 Regulation. All research shall be undertaken in coordination with the department of agriculture, markets, and food. The department may certify and register sites used to grow or cultivate industrial hemp and may adopt rules to regulate such research to the extent necessary to comport with 7 U.S.C. section 5940. Such rules shall be exempt from RSA 541-A. All research projects shall conclude within 3 years of commencement.

233:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

(Approved: July 13, 2015)

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CHAPTER 234 (HB 425)

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF AGENCY RULES UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

234:1 Fiscal Impact Statements; Intended Action. Amend RSA 541-A:5, II to read as follows:

II. The legislative budget assistant shall develop a form which shall specify the details and supporting data necessary to assess the fiscal impact of the intended action. The fiscal impact of a proposed rule which was previously effective but has expired, or of a proposed rule which adopts a current agency policy, procedure, or practice as a rule for the first time, shall not be assessed as an existing rule but as a proposed rule which is not yet effective.

234:2 New Paragraph; Fiscal Impact Statements; Definition Added; Intended Action. Amend RSA 541-A:5 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VII. In this section, "intended action" means the proposed adoption, amendment, reoption, reoption with amendment, or repeal of a rule pursuant to RSA 541-A, as described in the drafting and procedure manual for administrative rules pursuant to RSA 541-A:8.

234:3 Fiscal Impact Statements. Amend RSA 541-A:5, IV to read as follows:

IV. The fiscal impact statement issued by the legislative budget assistant shall not be limited to dollar amounts, but shall include a discussion of the methodology used to reach any stated amounts. In addition, the fiscal impact statement shall consist of:

(a) A narrative stating the costs and benefits to the citizens of the state and to the political subdivisions of the intended action.

(b) A conclusion as to the cost or benefit to the state general fund or any state special fund of taking the intended action.