

260.858 Purpose of industrial hemp research pilot program -- Lawful and unlawful conduct.

- (1) The purpose of the research pilot program authorized by this chapter is to enable the department, and its licensees and affiliated universities, to study methods of cultivating, processing, or marketing industrial hemp.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, it is lawful for a licensee, or his or her agent, to cultivate, handle, or process industrial hemp or industrial hemp products in the Commonwealth.
- (3) It is unlawful for a person who does not hold a license issued by the department, or who is not an agent of a licensee, to cultivate, handle, process, or market living industrial hemp plants or viable seeds, leaf materials, or floral materials derived from industrial hemp. Penalties for persons who cultivate, handle, process, or market living industrial hemp plants or viable seeds, leaf materials, or floral materials derived from industrial hemp without a license are the same as those penalties that are applicable to persons who violate KRS Chapter 218A, relating to marijuana.
- (4) Nothing in this chapter authorizes any person to violate any federal or state law or regulation.

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