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Subject	Industrial hemp
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Overview

This bill modifies the Industrial Hemp Development Act and the corresponding industrial hemp program administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). It defines key terms, requires those who grow hemp for research purposes or process hemp to obtain a license, classifies additional information that MDA collects from applicants and licensees as private or nonpublic data, and directs the MDA to adopt rules governing hemp processors.

Summary

Section	Description
1	**Industrial hemp licensing data.**
	Expands a provision in the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act to conform with the new language in section 10 of this bill.
2	**Applicant.**
	Defines this term for purposes of MDA's industrial hemp program.
3	**Authorized representative.**
	Defines this term for purposes of MDA's industrial hemp program.
4	**Entity.**
	Defines this term for purposes of MDA's industrial hemp program.
5	**Processing.**
	Defines this term for purposes of MDA's industrial hemp program.
6	**Processing location.**
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7 **Processor.**

Defines this term for purposes of MDA's industrial hemp program.

8 **Requirement; issuance; presumption.**

Requires a person to obtain a hemp license from MDA before (1) growing hemp for research purposes, and (2) processing industrial hemp for commercial purposes. Requires those applying for a grower license to submit to MDA all information required under the United States Department of Agriculture's hemp production regulations. Requires those applying for a processing license to provide specified information and any other information required by MDA. Provides that a licensee is responsible for complying with hemp license requirements irrespective of the acts or omissions of the licensee's authorized representatives. Establishes a presumption that a person licensed by MDA to grow hemp for research purposes is in fact growing hemp for research purposes.

9 **Federal requirements.**

Requires each processor license applicant to demonstrate to MDA's satisfaction that the applicant has satisfied applicable federal hemp processing requirements.

10 **Industrial hemp licensing data classification.**

Classifies specified information supplied to MDA by industrial hemp licensees and applicants as private or nonpublic data, which would generally prohibit MDA from releasing this information to the public. Authorizes MDA to release the data to aid law enforcement, promote public health, or dispel widespread rumor or unrest.

11 **Rulemaking.**

Requires MDA to adopt rules governing hemp processing.