

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Consumer and Environmental Protection
(Repealer)

302 KAR 50:013. Repeal of 302 KAR 50:020, 302 KAR 50:030, 302 KAR 50:055, and 302 KAR 50:090.

RELATES TO: KRS CHAPTER 260

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 260.850-869

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 260.850-869 collectively authorizes the Kentucky Department of agriculture to establish and determine the rules and administrative regulations for hemp in Kentucky. This administrative regulation repeals 302 KAR 50:020, 302 KAR 50:030, 302 KAR 50:055, and 302 KAR 50:090 because the KDA is replacing this material with other filings.

Section 1. The following administrative regulations hereby repealed:

- (1) 302 KAR 50:020 Policies and procedures for hemp growers;
- (2) 302 KAR 50:030 Policies and procedures for hemp processors and handlers;
- (3) 302 KAR 50:055 Sampling and THC testing; post-testing actions; disposal of noncompliant harvests; and
- (4) 302 KAR 50:090 Enforcement, corrective action plans, and mandatory reporting to state and federal agencies, department to retain growing site information for at least three (3) years.

RYAN F. QUARLES, Commissioner

APPROVED BY AGENCY: August 13, 2020

FILED WITH LRC: August 14, 2020 at 11 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on October 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 111 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through October 31, 2020. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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- (1) Provide a brief summary of:
 - (a) What this administrative regulation does: This regulation repeals four regulations.
 - (b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This regulation repeals four regulations that are no longer needed.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 260.862 commands the KDA to establish administrative regulations for hemp. This regulation repeals four regulations that are no longer needed.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation will assist in effective administration by making hemp rules clear in Kentucky.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This is a repealer filing.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This is a repealer filing.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This is a repealer filing.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This is a repealer filing.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 970 growers, 12 Universities and 170 processors.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: Entities will be required to follow the instructions in the filing.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): Likely no modification of current actions would be needed, so little to no costs would be incurred.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): Administrative ease on behalf of the KDA and clear guidance for entities.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: Expenses for the entire hemp program for 2019 were approximately \$1,156,000.

(b) On a continuing basis: Market forces will determine participation levels for 2020 and beyond. Ongoing costs will be a function of grower numbers and location modifications.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The hemp program is funded by the fees set for in 302 KAR 50:060.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No increases in funding are required currently.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: This filing does not contain fees. The hemp program is funded by the fees set for in 302 KAR 50:060.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? No. All regulated entities have the same requirements.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? Kentucky Department of Agriculture, and any agency that might concern hemp shall be affected by this administrative regulation.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 260.682

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? Income for the entire hemp program for 2019 was approximately \$1,575,000.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? Even with a fixed fee structure, revenue is almost entirely determined by participation. Market forces will dictate revenue to a point the KDA cannot guess with any certainty.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? Expenses for the entire hemp program for 2019 were approximately \$1,156,000.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? The KDA expects this spending trendline to continue for the hemp program as a whole, but based on producer participation.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-): \$1,575,000

Expenditures (+/-): \$1,156,000.

Other Explanation: