

Senate Agriculture,

Before the 1937 marijuana tax act passed by The US Congress cannabis was poised to be the first billion dollar agricultural crop in the United States. The American Medical Association found out about the bill just days before it was passed, and testified that it should not be passed as around 50% of the medicines they used at that time contained cannabinoids. It is my hope that in time we can get rid of the heavy handed regulation around all types of cannabis and return to the pre-1937 era of considering all cannabis and agricultural product and the growing of cannabis an agricultural activity. This is a list of several things that we could do this year that would greatly improve the regulation of cannabis in Vermont.

- 1- allow growers to use more than one parcel and span number to grow their cannabis
- 2-make the posting of private property easier
- 3-growers should be allowed to press their own kief into pucks
- 4-outdoor licenses are unfairly overpriced when compared to indoor licenses and the potential income.
- 5-remove the requirement that employees of grow operations, must go through a background check.
- 6-create a low cost, add on license that allows growers to grow cannabis that is under one percent THC
- 7-some of the 14% tax generated by the sales of cannabis should go back to the CCB for general operations. They should not have to operate on fees alone and should operate like any other department in state government.

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