

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred Senate Bill No.  
3 323 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 report of the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry be  
6 amended as follows:

7 First: In Sec. 19, 7 V.S.A. § 845, in subsection (b), in subdivision (1), by  
8 striking out “, subchapter 3 (hemp)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(cannabis)”

9 Second: By adding one new section to be Sec. 16a to read as follows:

10 Sec. 16a. HEMP FEES REPORTING

11 On or before January 15, 2027, the Cannabis Control Board shall submit to  
12 the House Committees on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry, on  
13 Ways and Means, and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the  
14 Senate Committees on Agriculture, on Finance, and on Economic  
15 Development, Housing and General Affairs a report that includes the following  
16 information:

17 (1) a summary of all hemp fees in effect in fiscal year 2027, including  
18 any waivers, reductions, or alterations to the hemp fee schedule as set forth in  
19 7 V.S.A. § 858;

20 (2) a summary of the revenue derived from each fee in fiscal year 2026;

21 (3) a comparison of fees in other jurisdictions;

1           (4) an analysis of policies or trends that might affect the viability of the  
2           fee amount; and

3           (5) a recommendation regarding how the hemp fee schedule as set forth  
4           in 7 V.S.A. § 858 may be adjusted to better promote the intent of the General  
5           Assembly to better support small-business hemp producers and processors.

6           Third: By adding one new section to be Sec. 16b to read as follows:

7           Sec. 16b. REPEAL

8           7 V.S.A. § 855(a)(12) (waiving or reducing licensing fees for craft  
9           processors) is repealed on January 1, 2028.

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13           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE