

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to hemp

The Agriculture and Land Stewardship Department hereby rescinds Chapter 96, “Hemp,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2641.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2641.

Purpose and Summary

During the 2024 Legislative Session, legislation was passed that revised the Iowa Hemp Act (Iowa Code chapter 204) by removing the Department’s authority to regulate the production of hemp, effective December 31, 2024. Without a state program for hemp production, the United States Department of Agriculture will assume these activities beginning in 2025. This rulemaking rescinds the Department’s administrative rules to comply with the recently enacted legislation.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 30, 2024, as **ARC 8326C**. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on December 17, 2024.

Fiscal Impact

2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2641, is expected to have a fiscal impact of \$38,000 due to losing fees associated with hemp regulation.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 21—Chapter 8.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on February 12, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **21—Chapter 96**.

[Filed 12/17/24, effective 2/12/25]

[Published 1/8/25]

EDITOR'S NOTE: For replacement pages for IAC, see IAC Supplement 1/8/25.