THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP BILL, 2021

MEMORANDUM

The objects of this Bill are to provide for-

(*a*) the licensing of growers, processors, distributors, buyers, exporters of and researchers of industrial hemp;

(b) the production and multiplication of industrial hemp;

(c) the import and export of industrial hemp; and

(d) matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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N.A.B. 32, 2021 31st March, 2021

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A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to provide for the licensing of growers, processors, distributors, buyers, exporters of and researchers on industrial hemp; provide for the production and multiplication of industrial hemp; provide for the import and export of industrial hemp; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

| 5 | 1. This Act may be cited as the Industrial Hemp Act, 2021, and shall come into operation on the date that the Minister may appoint by statutory instrument. | Short title and commence- ment |
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| | 2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires— | Interpretations |
| 10 | "authorised officer" has the meaning assigned to the words in the Cannabis Act, 2021; | Act No. of |
| | "Committee" has the meaning assigned to the word in the Cannabis Act, 2021; | 2021 |
| | "Lead Agency" has the meaning assigned to the word in the Cannabis Act, 2021; | Act No. of 2021 |
| 15 | "legally disqualified" means the absence of legal capacity as provided in section 4 of the Mental Health Act, 2019; | Act No. of 2021 |

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