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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LCB File No. R145-20

DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

The Nevada Department of Agriculture will hold a public workshop on 10/9/20 at 9:30am, at:

Remote Meeting Information:

Nevada Department of Agriculture

405 South 21st St. Sparks, NV 89431 Location: Web-ex meeting: https://nevadadepartmentofagriculture.my.webex.com/nevadadepartmentofagricult ure.my/j.php?MTID=m53d10f5ee8854fb1bd5a788bae9ac5e1 Meeting Number: 126 361 3079 Meeting Password: PEftJF5gy84 (73385354 from phones and video systems) Phone Join: 1-408-418-9388 Phone Access Code: 1263613079 Phone Password: 73385354

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ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING MUST ATTEND VIA WEBEX OR TELEPHONICALLY.

- The open meeting law (Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 241) requires public bodies to conduct their meetings with at least one physical location.
- Under an emergency directive issued March 22, 2020, the physical location requirement has been suspended.

The purpose of the workshop is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the Amendment of regulations that pertain to chapter 557, of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposal has been designated as File No. R145-20 by the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau.

NAC 557 revisions are in response to the <u>Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018</u> and corresponding <u>Interim</u> <u>Final Rules</u>. In order for the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) to be approved by USDA to have primary regulatory oversight, adherence to the <u>Interim Final Rules</u> must be demonstrated. The revisions also include a proposed fee increase needed to support program administration and meet federal requirements. This includes the following: establishing provisions relating to the registration of growers and producers; setting forth certain reporting requirements for registrants; establishing provisions relating to the sampling and testing of hemp; setting forth certain requirements for the disposal of noncompliant crops; establishing provisions relating to persons who commit certain violations relating to the regulation of hemp; establishing fees for registration as a grower, handler or producer; imposing civil penalties; repealing certain obsolete provisions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The LCB approved revision can be found on the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at www.agri.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment upon the regulation draft of the Nevada Department of Agriculture may appear at the scheduled workshop or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the address below.

> Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 S. 21st Street Sparks, NV 89431 ATTN: Allen Whitenack (775) 353-3670 awhitenack@agri.nv.gov

The text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at http://www.leg.state.nv.us.

A copy of all materials relating to the workshop may be obtained by contacting:

Allen Whitenack Plant Industry Division Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 South 21st Street Sparks, NV 89431 775-353-3670

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A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

Reasonable efforts will be made for members of the public who have disabilities and require special accommodations for assistance at the meeting. Please call 775-353-3670.

Notice of this meeting was posted on or before 9:30 a.m. fifteen days before the meeting at the following locations: the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at agri.nv.gov or www.notice.nv.gov. Copies of the agenda, supporting documentation and meeting minutes are available, at no charge, at the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at agri.nv.gov or www.notice.nv.gov or by contacting Allen Whitenack at (775) 353-3670 or awhitenack@agri.nv.gov.

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation

R145-20

<u>Agenda</u>

9:30am October 9, 2020

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Note: Items on the agenda may be taken out of the posted order, items may be combined for consideration, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda

- I. **Public Comment:** In consideration of others who may wish to provide public comment please avoid repetition and limit your comment to three minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker nor allocated to another speaker.
- **II.** Overview of Chapter 557 regulation revisions
- **III. Public Comment:** In consideration of others who may wish to provide public comment please avoid repetition and limit your comment to three minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker nor allocated to another speaker.
- IV. Adjourn

A copy of materials relating to the meeting and proposed regulations are available online at: <u>http://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Workshop_and_Hearing_Meetings/Workshops_and_Hearings/</u> or by contacting Allen Whitenack at <u>awhitenack@agri.nv.gov</u>. Written comment can be sent to 405 south 21st Street, Sparks NV 89431 or emailed to <u>awhitenack@agri.nv.gov</u>.