

New Bill Targets Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid Products for Ban, GOP Committee Reveals

A GOP-led House committee has unveiled a spending bill that includes language aimed at effectively banning the majority of consumable hemp-derived cannabinoid products, such as delta-8 THC and CBD items containing any detectable amount of THC. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food **and Drug Administration**, and Related Agencies released the text of the legislation just one day before a scheduled vote.

Provision Details

If enacted, cannabinoids that are “synthesized or manufactured outside of the plant” would no longer meet the definition of legal hemp. This provision mirrors a similar language found in a recent amendment attached to the 2024 Farm Bill by Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL).

Industry Reaction

ban has drawn criticism from the hemp industry, with certain marijuana businesses also supporting the policy change. Despite expectations that the Farm Bill timeline might be delayed until next year, the inclusion of the hemp provision in a must-pass spending bill raises concerns for hemp industry advocates.

Support and Opposition

Supporters of the ban argue that it addresses a loophole created under the 2018 Farm Bill, focusing on public safety concerns associated with unregulated cannabinoid products. However, some hemp industry advocates fear the proposed language could effectively ban most non-intoxicating CBD products as well.

Industry Response

Hemp industry stakeholders recognize the need to address concerns related to the unregulated market but advocate for strategic regulations to ensure product safety and prevent youth access. The hemp industry intends to challenge the proposed ban and seek the removal of the amendment from the final appropriations bill.

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