

A BILL

entitled

MISUSE OF DRUGS (HEMP) AMENDMENT ACT 2019

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1972 to create a distinction between cannabis and hemp to provide for the import, possession, supply or sale of hemp products;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Hemp) Amendment Act 2019.

Amends section 1

2 Section 1 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1972 is amended in subsection (1)—

(a) by deleting the definition of “cannabis” and substituting—

“cannabis” (except in the expression “cannabis resin”) means any part of the genus Cannabis or any part of any such plant except that it does not include hemp, cannabis resin or any of the following products after separation from the rest of the plant, namely—

- (a) the mature stalk of the plant;
- (b) fibre produced from the mature stalk of any such plant; or
- (c) the seed of any such plant;”;

(b) by inserting the following in its proper alphabetic place—

“hemp” means the plant cannabis sativa, or any part thereof, with a THC content of not more than 1% or such other concentration as may be specified by the Minister by Order published in the Gazette; ”.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1972 to create a distinction between cannabis and hemp to provide for the import, possession, supply or sale of hemp products.

Clause 1 provides the title of the Bill.

Clause 2 by inserting a new definition of “cannabis” and including a definition of “hemp” to make a clear distinction between the two.