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**121st Legislature (2002-2004)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 53 / HP0061

Original Title: An Act to Allow Experimentation in the Cultivation of Agricultural Hemp.  
New Title: An Act To Allow Experimentation in the Cultivation of Industrial Hemp.  
Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport; Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, FISCHER of Presque Isle, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINEAU of Jay, THOMPSON of China, Senator HALL of Lincoln. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Public Hearing 02/03/03. OTP-AM Accepted 04/02/03. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-61. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/18/03, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 61.

**Original Bill**

[LD 53 \(121st Legis. 2003\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 53 / PL 2003, c. 61](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-61\) \(LD 53 2003\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, January 16, 2003 \(H42-49\)](#)

- p. H-42

[SENATE, January 16, 2003 \(S47-55\)](#)

- p. S-50

[HOUSE, March 31, 2003 \(H306-315\)](#)

- p. H-312 (Amendment(s) H-61)

[HOUSE, April 1, 2003 \(H316-321\)](#)

- p. H-319 (Amendment(s) H-61)

[SENATE, April 2, 2003 \(S347-357\)](#)

- p. S-351 (Amendment(s) H-61)

[SENATE, April 7, 2003 \(S358-367\)](#)

- p. S-363 (Amendment(s) H-61)

[HOUSE, April 10, 2003 \(H355-368\)](#)

- p. H-363 (Amendment(s) H-61)

[SENATE, April 14, 2003 \(S396-406\)](#)

- p. S-404 (Amendment(s) H-61)

#### **Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 2003, c. 61](#)

#### **Reports and Other Related Documents**

[Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station. Industrial Hemp Production Study \(2006\)](#)

#### **News Articles**

Hemp research bill submitted to Legislature (Mack, Sharon Kiley) (Bangor Daily News, 1/28/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD00xx/nc121-LD-0053/SB121560.pdf)

Legislature clears way for UMaine to study hemp (Mack, Sharon Kiley) (Bangor Daily News, 4/16/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD00xx/nc121-LD-0053/SB121948.pdf)

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