

HB 1096 -- MARIJUANA FARMING

SPONSOR: Dogan

This bill specifies that it will not be unlawful to grow, cultivate, or harvest marijuana on land used for farming if a person is authorized to do so by the county and the person obtains a license to do so. The bill also specifies that any county may, with voter approval, authorize the growing, cultivating, or harvesting. Before July 1, 2021, the Department of Agriculture must adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement these provisions, as specified in the bill. Each application for an annual license to grow, cultivate, or harvest marijuana must be filed with the department. The department will begin accepting and processing applications on October 1, 2021, and the bill specifies policies and procedures for issuances of licenses and denials of applications.

The bill also excepts marijuana farming from the offense of manufacture of a controlled substance.