

New Mexico Hemp Manufacturing

The hemp industry in New Mexico continues to grow at a rapid pace to capitalize on the \$5.33 billion U.S. hemp market. HB 88 safeguards the hemp industry while protecting public health.



Hemp in New Mexico

In 2019, the Hemp Manufacturing Act was passed by the Legislature, paving the way for hemp growers and hemp product manufacturers to operate in New Mexico. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) adopted regulations and began permitting and inspecting hemp extraction and manufacturing facilities in August 2019.

HB 88 amends the 2019 Hemp Manufacturing Act to ensure a level playing field for New Mexico's hemp manufacturer's while protecting consumers and public health.

HB 88 requires out-of-state hemp products sold in New Mexico to meet state standards and allows NMED to prohibit the sale of fraudulent and possibly unsafe hemp products.

Illegal hemp products have resulted in consumer illness and loss of employment across the country. Unregulated "hot" product that exceeds the legal limit for THC have been distributed and caused employees to fail drug tests from their employers.

Ensuring that hemp products sold in New Mexico are safe and accurately presented will promote consumer confidence in hemp products sold in New Mexico, resulting in increased sales and expanding the industry.

How will it benefit New Mexico?



Consumers

- ✓ Increases consumer confidence
- ✓ Results in safer products on New Mexico shelves
- ✓ Ensures transparent and consistent product labeling
- ✓ Expands access to "New Mexico True" products



Economy

- ✓ Expands hemp industry in New Mexico
- ✓ Shortens permitting time for hemp businesses
- ✓ Increase in NMED education and assistance efforts
- ✓ Increases employment
- ✓ Reduces loss of production due to illness
- ✓ Supports the state's small business revitalization initiatives



Environment

- ✓ Ensures disposal of spent material and solvents done safely
- ✓ Increases recycling and composting of organic material
- ✓ Revitalizes fallow farmland

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