

# HB 346: Authority Over Finished Hemp Products

*Gives the Environment Department authority over finished hemp products and bans synthetic cannabinoids, protecting buyers from purchasing unregulated hemp products.*



## Why does this bill matter?

Right now, unregulated hemp products on retail shelves throughout the state may contain harmful pesticides, improper labeling, and high levels of THC that intoxicate users.

Worse yet, these products can be purchased by consumers of all ages, including children.

This loophole exists because the Environment Department does not regulate retail hemp products – only products manufactured in New Mexico. If a hemp product is manufactured outside of the state and brought in for sale, even if it contains THC, no enforcement action can be taken under the Hemp Manufacturing Act.

HB 346 fixes this by amending the Hemp Manufacturing Act to give the Environment Department authority over hemp finished products

at retail, permanently closing the loophole that poses real danger to New Mexicans, often without their knowledge.

This bill will also ban semi-synthetic and synthetic cannabinoids (synthetics) on retail shelves in New Mexico. These designer chemicals, such as “Delta-8” or “HHC,” pose significant dangers to users. Unregulated hemp products contain high levels of THC and can cause severe side effects compared to natural hemp products.

In addition, many out-of-state hemp product labels don’t inform buyers of their synthetic THC content, causing consumers to unknowingly consuming an artificially created psychoactive product leading to dangerous consequences.

## Votes This Session

House Commerce and Economic Development Committee

**10-1**

House Floor

**57-9**

House Judiciary Committee

**6-4**

Senate Judiciary Committee

**6-0**

## How will it benefit New Mexico?

### Legal Clarity

- ✓ Removes loopholes in the Hemp Manufacturing Act, allowing the Environment Department to effectively regulate products & enforce on violators.

### Public Health

- ✓ Protects New Mexicans, including minors, from consuming products that contain harmful substances.

### Protects Legal Market

- ✓ Safeguards the validity of New Mexico’s legal hemp & cannabis industries, which provides jobs for thousands.

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