

MINNESOTA CBD BILLS PENDING - May 15, 2018

St. Paul - Minnesota state legislators recently introduced bills that expressly define cannabidiol (CBD) products as legal derivatives of industrial hemp. CBD is not "marijuana" because it does not contain active amounts of THC, the substance that produces a "high". CBD has documented health benefits, yet some Minnesota businesses and consumers are uncomfortable buying, selling or using CBD because state law is not yet completely clear on this point. Senate bill <u>SF 4052</u> authored by <u>Sen. Karla Bigham</u> (DFL) District 54 and House bill <u>HF 4486</u> authored by <u>Rep.</u> Mary Franson (R) District 8B are simply worded, non-controversial and bipartisan statements making it clear that the sale or possession of CBD is not a crime. Legislators very definitely pay attention to comments from constituents. If you wish to contact your legislators and let them know you support these bills, you can find your district and send an email to your representative here. More importantly, if you support these bills, contact the committee chairpersons <u>Sen</u>. Warren Limmer (R) District 34 and <u>Rep. Brian Johnson</u> (R) District 32A and urge them to move these bills for a vote. The current legislative session ENDS on May 21!

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