MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2018

TO: Agriculture, Life and Veterinary Sciences, and Cooperative Extension personnel

FROM: Shane C. Burgess
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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1098 industrial hemp; licensing

As you may have heard, the Governor recently signed into law Senate Bill 1098 regarding the growth, cultivation, and marketing of industrial hemp. We will be providing you additional guidance regarding this new law over the next several months. IMPORTANT: THIS LAW HAS A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND WILL NOT BE IN EFFECT UNTIL FALL OF 2019. It is extremely important to remember that up until fall of 2019, ANY work with hemp remains illegal under both federal and state law. In other words, nothing has changed with regard to the illegality of hemp: hemp remains illegal under federal and state law, and the University cannot participate in activities related to hemp up until fall of 2019.

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