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**SEN. CHARLES PERRY PASSES "THE HEMP" BILL OUT OF THE SENATE**  
*HB 1325 by Rep. Tracy King and sponsored by Sen. Perry sets up the state plan that will allow farmers to grow hemp in Texas*

AUSTIN, TX –Today, State Sen. Charles Perry passed House Bill 1325 out of the Texas Senate with a vote of 31-0. This bill allows Texas farmers to grow and process hemp in our state.

The federal 2018 U.S. Farm Bill gave a clear pathway for states to authorize farmers to grow hemp. Each state must present their own plan to the federal government for approval.

"I want to thank the bill's author, Rep. Tracy King, and all of the stakeholders for their hard work on passing this bill. I believe legislators saw how important this bill was to Texas farmers and our economy and that is why it passed unanimously," said Sen. Charles Perry.

HB 1325 passed the Texas House 144-0 and the Texas Senate 31-0. The bill will go back to the House for one final vote before heading to the Governor's desk.

"The hemp industry is rapidly growing and we need to ensure our farmers are able to participate. We hope this agricultural commodity will help boost rural communities now that there is a new viable crop option for our farmers," said Sen. Charles Perry.

Sen. Perry continued, "Many hemp products are already sold in grocery stores, however, Texas farmers are unable to profit off of this crop. This will put our farmers on a level playing field with the rest of the country."

Hemp, as defined by the Farm Bill, may not exceed a tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration of 0.3%. Due to its low THC content, hemp does not possess the ability to create psychoactive or intoxicating effects like recreational marijuana which traditionally exceeds a concentration of 10% THC.

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