

**INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 547 of 2014**

**286.847 Processor-handler of industrial hemp; license required; exception for college or university; application; form and contents; fees.**

Sec. 7. (1) Except as otherwise provided under this act for a college or university in this state, and except for a processor licensed under the medical marihuana facilities licensing act, 2016 PA 281, MCL 333.27101 to 333.27801, or a testing facility, a person shall not process, handle, broker, or market industrial hemp in this state unless the person is licensed as a processor-handler under this act. A person other than a college or university in this state that wishes to process, handle, broker, or market industrial hemp in this state shall submit the license application fee provided under section 16 and apply to the department for a processor-handler license on a form as prescribed by the department that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The applicant's full name, date of birth, mailing address, telephone number, and valid and monitored electronic mail address. If the applicant is a person that is not an individual, the full name of each officer and director, and partner, member, or owner owning in excess of 10% of equity or stock, including his or her birth date, title, and valid and monitored electronic mail address.

(b) The street address, location ID, and GPS coordinates for each building or site where industrial hemp will be processed, handled, stored, or brokered.

(c) Maps depicting each building, or other site where industrial hemp will be processed, handled, stored, or brokered with appropriate indications for entrances and specific locations corresponding to the GPS coordinates provided under subdivision (b).

(2) An initial processor-handler license application may be submitted at any time. An initial processor-handler license issued by the department expires at midnight on November 30 in the year in which it is issued.

(3) Other than an initial processor-handler license, a processor-handler license is valid for 1 year beginning on December 1 and expiring at midnight on the following November 30 each year.

(4) An application to renew an existing processor-handler license shall be postmarked on or before November 30. An application submitted after November 30 is subject to a late fee of \$250.00.

(5) An application and supporting documents submitted to the department under this section are exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

**History:** Add. 2018, Act 641, Eff. Jan. 15, 2019.

**Compiler's note:** For the transfer of all authorities, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the department of agriculture and rural development to license and regulate process handlers to the cannabis regulatory agency formerly known as the marijuana regulatory agency, see E.R.O. No. 2022-1, compiled at MCL 333.27002.