
HOUSE BILL 2515

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By Representatives Chandler and Linville

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1 AN ACT Relating to apiaries; amending RCW 15.60.005; and repealing
2 RCW 15.60.007, 15.60.010, 15.60.015, 15.60.020, 15.60.025, 15.60.030,
3 15.60.040, 15.60.042, 15.60.043, 15.60.050, 15.60.100, 15.60.110,
4 15.60.120, 15.60.140, 15.60.150, 15.60.170, 15.60.230, and 15.60.900.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.60.005 and 1994 c 178 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
9 this section apply throughout this chapter:

10 (1) (~~"Department" means the department of agriculture of the state~~
11 ~~of Washington.~~

12 (2) ~~"Director" means the director of the state department of~~
13 ~~agriculture or the director's authorized representative.~~

14 (3)) "Apiary" means a site where hives of bees or hives are kept
15 or found.

16 (~~(4) "Abandoned hive" means any hive, with or without bees, that~~
17 ~~evidences a lack of being properly managed in that it has not been~~
18 ~~supered in the spring, except nucs, or unsupered in the fall, or is~~

1 otherwise unmanaged and left without authorization and unattended on
2 the property of another person or on public land.

3 (5) "Apiarist" means any person who owns bees or is a keeper of
4 bees in Washington.

5 (6) "Beekeeping equipment" means any implements or devices used in
6 the manipulation of bees, their brood, or hives in an apiary.

7 (7)) (2) "Bees" means adult insects, eggs, larvae, pupae, or other
8 immature stages of the species *Apis mellifera*.

9 ((8) "Certificate" or "certificate of inspection" means an
10 official document certifying compliance with the requirements of this
11 chapter and accompanying the movement of inspected bees, bee hives, or
12 beekeeping equipment.

13 (9)) (3) "Colony" refers to a natural group of bees having a queen
14 or queens.

15 ((10) "Compliance agreement" means a written agreement between the
16 department and a person engaged in apiculture, or handling, selling, or
17 moving of hives or beekeeping equipment in which the person agrees to
18 comply with stipulated requirements.

19 (11) "Feral colony" means a colony of bees in a natural cavity or
20 a manufactured structure not intended for the keeping of bees on
21 movable frames and comb.

22 (12) "Swarm" means a natural group of bees having a queen or
23 queens, which is the progeny of a parent colony, without a hive, and
24 not a feral colony.

25 (13) "Disease" means American foulbrood, European foulbrood,
26 chalkbrood, nosema, sacbrood, or any other viral, fungal, bacterial or
27 insect related disease affecting bees or their brood.

28 (14) "Regulated bee pests" means a disease of bees for which
29 maximum allowable limits of infection, or mites, or other parasites are
30 set in rule.

31 (15) "Hive" means a manufactured receptacle or container prepared
32 for the use of bees, that includes movable frames, combs, and
33 substances deposited into the hive by bees.

34 (16)) (4) "Person" means a natural person, individual, firm,
35 partnership, company, society, association, corporation or every
36 officer, agent, or employee of one of these entities.

37 ((17) "Bee pests" means a disease, mite, or other parasite that
38 causes injury to bees.

1 ~~(18) "Nets" means a device that is made of fabricated material and~~
2 ~~that is designed and utilized to prevent the escape of bees from bee~~
3 ~~hives during transit.~~

4 ~~(19) "Apparently free" means no specified bee pest was found during~~
5 ~~inspection of survey activities.~~

6 ~~(20) "Substantially free" means levels of specified bee pests found~~
7 ~~during inspection or survey activities were within established~~
8 ~~tolerances.~~

9 ~~(21) "Africanized honey bee" means any bee of the subspecies Apis~~
10 ~~mellifera scutellata.~~

11 ~~(22) "Super" means the portion of a hive in which honey is stored~~
12 ~~by bees.~~

13 ~~(23) "Broker" means a person, engaged in pollinating agricultural~~
14 ~~crops, using hives that are owned by another person.~~

15 ~~(24) "Grower" means a person engaged in producing agricultural~~
16 ~~crops, and a user of honey bees for pollination of the crops.))~~

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The following acts or parts of acts are each
18 repealed:

19 (1) RCW 15.60.007 and 1994 c 178 s 2, 1993 c 89 s 2, & 1988 c 4 s
20 14;

21 (2) RCW 15.60.010 and 1994 c 178 s 3, 1993 c 89 s 3, 1975-'76 2nd
22 ex.s. c 34 s 16, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.010;

23 (3) RCW 15.60.015 and 1993 c 89 s 4, 1988 c 4 s 2, 1977 ex.s. c 362
24 s 2, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.015;

25 (4) RCW 15.60.020 and 1993 c 89 s 5, 1988 c 4 s 3, 1975-'76 2nd
26 ex.s. c 34 s 17, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.020;

27 (5) RCW 15.60.025 and 1993 c 89 s 6, 1988 c 4 s 4, & 1977 ex.s. c
28 362 s 8;

29 (6) RCW 15.60.030 and 1993 c 89 s 7, 1988 c 4 s 5, 1981 c 296 s 7,
30 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 3, 1965 c 44 s 1, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.030;

31 (7) RCW 15.60.040 and 1994 c 178 s 4, 1993 c 89 s 8, 1988 c 4 s 6,
32 1981 c 296 s 8, 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 4, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.040;

33 (8) RCW 15.60.042 and 1993 c 89 s 9 & 1988 c 4 s 7;

34 (9) RCW 15.60.043 and 1994 c 178 s 5, 1993 c 89 s 10, 1988 c 4 s 8,
35 1981 c 296 s 9, & 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 9;

36 (10) RCW 15.60.050 and 1994 c 178 s 6, 1993 c 89 s 11, 1988 c 4 s
37 9, 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 5, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.050;

1 (11) RCW 15.60.100 and 1993 c 89 s 12, 1988 c 4 s 10, 1981 c 296 s
2 10, 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 7, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.100;
3 (12) RCW 15.60.110 and 1993 c 89 s 13, 1988 c 4 s 11, 1977 ex.s. c
4 362 s 6, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.110;
5 (13) RCW 15.60.120 and 1993 c 89 s 14, 1988 c 4 s 12, 1981 c 296 s
6 11, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.120;
7 (14) RCW 15.60.140 and 1993 c 89 s 15, 1988 c 4 s 13, 1981 c 296 s
8 12, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.140;
9 (15) RCW 15.60.150 and 1993 c 89 s 16, 1981 c 296 s 13, & 1961 c 11
10 s 15.60.150;
11 (16) RCW 15.60.170 and 1993 c 89 s 17, 1991 c 363 s 15, & 1989 c
12 354 s 64;
13 (17) RCW 15.60.230 and 1993 c 89 s 19; and
14 (18) RCW 15.60.900 and 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 11.

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