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**HOUSE BILL 1133**

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**By** Representatives Peterson, Griffey, Irwin, McCaslin, Lekanoff, Shea, Goodman, and Stanford

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting liability for registered apiarists;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 15.60 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.60  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 A person who owns or operates an apiary, is a registered apiarist  
7 under RCW 15.60.021, and conforms to all applicable city, town, or  
8 county ordinances regarding beekeeping, is not liable for any civil  
9 damages for acts or omissions in connection with the keeping and  
10 maintaining of bees, bee equipment, queen breeding equipment,  
11 apiaries, and appliances, unless the acts or omissions constitute any  
12 level of culpability higher than ordinary negligence.

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