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SENATE BILL 6299

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By Senators Rasmussen, Haugen, and Hatfield

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1            AN ACT Relating to the taxation of beekeepers; adding new sections  
2 to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding  
3 a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            This chapter does not apply to amounts derived from the wholesale  
8 sale of bee products by a person who owns or keeps forty-five or more  
9 bee colonies used for pollination and is registered under RCW  
10 15.60.021. For the purposes of this section, "bee products" means  
11 queen bees, packaged bees, honey, pollen, bee's wax, propolis, or other  
12 substances obtained from honey bees. Bee products do not include  
13 manufactured substances or articles.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16            This chapter does not apply to amounts received by any apiarist  
17 registered under RCW 15.60.021 from providing bee pollination services

1 using a bee colony owned or kept by the person providing the  
2 pollination services, if the person owns or keeps forty-five or more  
3 bee colonies.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the sale of  
7 pollinating bees to an apiarist registered under RCW 15.60.021 if the  
8 apiarist owns or keeps forty-five or more bee colonies used for  
9 pollination.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use  
13 of pollinating bees by an apiarist registered under RCW 15.60.021 if  
14 the apiarist owns or keeps forty-five or more bee colonies used for  
15 pollination.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect July 1, 2008.

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