
SENATE BILL 6366

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1 AN ACT Relating to making tax preferences for the bee industry
2 permanent; amending RCW 82.04.630, 82.08.0204, 82.08.200, and
3 82.12.0204; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that bee pollination
6 of agricultural crops accounts for about one-third of the United
7 States' diet. In North America, honey bees pollinate nearly ninety-
8 five kinds of fruits and other crops. The legislature further finds
9 that the estimated value of honey bee pollination at as much as twenty
10 billion dollars annually. Because honey beekeepers are vitally
11 important to agriculture and are an integral part of food production,
12 it is the legislature's intent that the tax relief they are provided be
13 permanent like other sectors of agriculture.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.04.630 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 307 are each
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (1) This chapter does not apply to amounts received by an eligible
17 apiarist, as defined in RCW 82.04.629, for providing bee pollination

1 services to a farmer using a bee colony owned or kept by the person
2 providing the pollination services.

3 (2) The definitions in RCW 82.04.213 apply to this section.

4 (~~(3) This section expires July 1, 2017.~~)

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.08.0204 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 308 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (~~(1)~~) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the sale
8 of honey bees to an eligible apiarist, as defined in RCW 82.04.629.
9 This exemption is available only if the buyer provides the seller with
10 an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by the
11 department.

12 (~~(2) This section expires July 1, 2017.~~)

13 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.08.200 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 302 are each
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of feed
16 to an eligible apiarist for use in the raising of a bee colony used to
17 make honey bee products.

18 (2) This exemption is available only if the buyer provides the
19 seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by
20 the department.

21 (3) The definitions in RCW 82.04.629 apply to this section.

22 (~~(4) This section expires July 1, 2017.~~)

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.12.0204 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 309 are each
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (~~(1)~~) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to
26 the use of honey bees by an eligible apiarist, as defined in RCW
27 82.04.629. This exemption is available only if the buyer provides the
28 seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by
29 the department.

30 (~~(2) This section expires July 1, 2017.~~)

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