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AN ACT

Relating to the control of bee disease.

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THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 8

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* Section 1. AS 03 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 47. BEES AND BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT.

Sec. 03.47.010. IMPORTATION. The importation into the state of bees on bee combs and used beekeeping equipment is prohibited. Section comb honey for human consumption may be imported into the state.

Sec. 03.47.020. IMPORTATION OF BEES. All bees imported into the state shall be accompanied by a health certificate that states that the bees come from an apiary apparently free of bee diseases and that is signed by an apiary inspector determined to be qualified by the division.

Sec. 03.47.030. DUTIES OF THE DIVISION. (a) The division shall investigate reported cases of diseased bees and cases of diseased bees discovered by the division.

(b) The division shall take action necessary to prevent the spread of bee diseases. Bees or used beekeeping equipment found to contain the causative organisms of American foulbrood (*Bacillus larvae*) or European foulbrood (*Streptococcus pluton*) shall be immediately quarantined and treated within five days by

(1) chamber fumigation using ethylene oxide or other gases approved by the division;

(2) sterilization by boiling in lyewater for at least 15 minutes; or

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1 (3) destruction of bees, bee combs, and frames by burning
2 followed by burying 18 inches deep.

3 (c) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, hive boxes, top and
4 bottom boards found to contain the causative organisms of American foul-
5 brood (*Bacillus larvae*) or European foulbrood (*Streptococcus pluton*) may
6 be salvaged by scorching inside surfaces and edges using a flame to
7 produce a light brown charring of the wood unless the boxes, top and
8 bottom boards are in poor condition due to weathering, rotting or ant
9 tunneling.

10 (d) A quarantine imposed under this section may not be removed
11 until infected bees and used beekeeping equipment are destroyed or the
12 division determines through testing that the used beekeeping equipment
13 is free of the disease.

14 (e) The division shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out
15 the purposes of this chapter.

16 Sec. 03.47.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

17 (1) "bees" means honey-producing insects of the genus *Apis*
18 and includes the adults, eggs, larvae, pupae, and other immature stages
19 of the insects;

20 (2) "division" means the division of agriculture, Department
21 of Natural Resources;

22 (3) "used beekeeping equipment" means equipment that has been
23 used to feed or house bees, including hive boxes, frames, pollen traps,
24 queen excluders, inner covers, supers, tops, bottom boards, slatted
25 racks, and bee combs, or other wooden or plastic beehive parts that have
26 been in contact with honeybees.