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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 318

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the control of bee disease."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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

9 CHAPTER 47. BEES AND BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT.

10 Sec. 03.47.010. PROHIBITION. The importation of used beekeeping
11 equipment and bees on bee combs into the state is prohibited.

12 Sec. 03.47.020. IMPORTATION OF BEES. All bees not on bee combs
13 imported into the state shall be accompanied by a health certificate
14 which states that they are free of all bee diseases and which meets
15 requirements established by regulation of the department.

16 Sec. 03.47.030. DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. (a) The department
17 shall investigate reported cases of diseased bees and cases of diseased
18 bees discovered by the department.

19 (b) The department shall take any action necessary to prevent the
20 spread of bee diseases, including destroying bees and beekeeping equip-
21 ment found to be contaminated.

22 (c) The department shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out
23 the purposes of this chapter.

24 Sec. 03.47.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

25 (1) "bees" means honey producing insects of the genus Apis
26 and includes the adults, eggs, larvae, pupae, and other immature stages
27 of the insects;

28 (2) "beekeeping equipment" means equipment used in connection
29 with an apiary, including hives, frames, supers, lids, bottom boards,

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bee combs, and any device used to handle bees.