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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 318 (Resources)

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 into the state of
11 bees on bee combs and the importation of used beekeeping equipment,
12 except equipment made exclusively of glass or metal, is prohibited.

13 Sec. 03.47.020. IMPORTATION OF BEES. All bees not on bee combs
14 imported into the state shall be accompanied by a health certificate
15 which states that they come from apiaries which are free of all bee
16 diseases and which is signed by an apiary inspector determined to be
17 qualified by the department.

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

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

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

26 Sec. 03.47.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

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

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(2) "used beekeeping equipment" means equipment which has been used to feed or house bees, including hive boxes, frames, supers, lids, bottom boards, and bee combs.