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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 318 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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 Alaska of bees on bee combs and the importation of used beekeeping  
12 equipment 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 an apiary apparently free of disease  
16 and which is signed by a certified apiary inspector.

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

20 (b) The division shall take action necessary to prevent the spread  
21 of bee diseases. Colonies or equipment found to contain the causative  
22 organisms of American Foulbrood (bacillus larvae) or European Foulbrood  
23 (streptococcus pluton) shall be immediately quarantined and treated by  
24 one of the following methods within five days:

- 25 (1) chamber fumigation using ethylene oxide or other approved  
26 gases;
- 27 (2) sterilization by boiling in lyewater for at least 15  
28 minutes;
- 29 (3) destruction of bees, combs, and frames by burning followed

1 by burying 18 inches deep; boxes, top and bottom boards may be salvaged  
2 by scorching inside surfaces and edges using flame to produce a light  
3 brown charring of the wood; or

4 (4) equipment considered to be in poor condition through  
5 weathering, rotting, or ant tunnelling shall be destroyed by burning in  
6 its entirety and the ashes buried 18 inches deep.

7 (c) The quarantine shall not be removed until tests prove the  
8 equipment is free of disease or the infected equipment has been de-  
9 stroyed.

10 (d) The division shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out  
11 the purposes of this chapter.

12 Sec. 03.47.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

13 (1) "bees" means honey producing insects of the genus *Apis*  
14 and includes the adults, eggs, larvae, pupae, and other immature stages  
15 of the insects;

16 (2) "division" means the division of agriculture, Department  
17 of Natural Resources;

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