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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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 AND EXCEPTION. (a) Except as pro-
11 vided in (b) of this section, the importation into the state of (1) bees
12 on bee combs; and (2) used beekeeping equipment is prohibited.

13 (b) Honey may be imported into the state on used beekeeping equip-
14 ment if the equipment and honey are not allowed to come into contact
15 with bees in this state and the equipment is destroyed immediately after
16 the honey is extracted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 Sec. 03.47.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

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

24 (2) "division" means the division of agriculture, Department
25 of Natural Resources;

26 (3) "used beekeeping equipment" means equipment that has been
27 used to feed or house bees, including hive boxes, frames, pollen traps,
28 queen excluders, inner covers, supers, tops, bottom boards, slatted
29 racks, and bee combs, or other wooden or plastic beehive parts that have

1 been in contact with honeybees.

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