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H 833 GENERAL BILL by Agriculture; Easterly; Harris (Identical S 537)

Beeskeepers Registration/Agric. Dept.; defines "compliance agreement"; requires beekeepers register with Agriculture & Consumer Services Dept.; provides additional powers & duties of dept.; revises requirements for shipments of honeybees & used beekeeping equipment. Amends 586.02,.10,.11; creates 586.045. Effective Date: 10/01/89.

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03/22/89 HOUSE Placed on Calendar
04/04/89 HOUSE Introduced, placed on Calendar -HJ 81
04/11/89 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar
04/12/89 HOUSE Read second time -HJ 208
04/13/89 HOUSE Read third time; Passed; YEAS 117 NAYS 0 -HJ 215
04/19/89 SENATE In Messages
04/27/89 SENATE Received, referred to Agriculture -SJ 229
04/28/89 SENATE Extension of time granted Committee Agriculture
05/12/89 SENATE Extension of time granted Committee Agriculture
05/24/89 SENATE Withdrawn from Agriculture; Substituted for SB 537; Passed; YEAS 38 NAYS 0 -SJ 424
05/25/89 Ordered enrolled
06/13/89 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor
06/16/89 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 89-56

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DATE: August 11, 1989

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

BILL #: HB 833 (PCB HAG 89-5)
RELATING TO: Honeybees
SPONSOR(S): House Agriculture Committee
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1989
DATE BECAME LAW: June 16, 1989
CHAPTER #: 89-56, Laws of Florida
COMPANION BILL(S): Identical SB 537
OTHER COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE: (1)
(2)

I. SUMMARY:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services does not have the ability to enter into compliance agreements with beekeepers so that certain treatments or procedures relating to bees and beekeeping equipment can be accomplished outside of the direct supervision of the department.

One of the duties of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services set out in section 586.10, Florida Statutes, is to periodically inspect honeybee colonies for pests and diseases and unwanted races of honeybees, such as the African honeybee. This inspection is hampered by not knowing the location of each beekeeper having honeybee colonies in the state. Requiring each beekeeper to register on an annual basis would facilitate inspections.

Duplicate paperwork is being required on incoming shipments. Currently, both a certificate of inspection and a permit is required by section 586.11, Florida Statutes.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Locating honeybee colonies for inspection would be facilitated by requiring the beekeeper to register with the department. The need for direct supervision by the department of certain activities would be unnecessary if compliance agreements were signed. Eliminating the permit requirement would reduce paperwork for both the department and the beekeeper.

C. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. "Compliance agreement" is defined.

Section 2. Beekeepers are required to register with the department and obtain a certificate of registration, to be renewed annually.

Section 3. The department is authorized to enter into compliance agreements and to issue beekeepers certificates of registration.

Section 4. The requirement for departmental permits for shipments of honeybees and used beekeeping equipment into, and within, the state is deleted. Shipments into the state must be accompanied by a certificate of inspection from the state of origin.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:

1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:

None

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:

The annual cost to the state for registration forms and certificates of registration is estimated by the department to be \$3000.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None

4. Appropriations Consequences:

The present cost to the state of issuing permits is estimated at \$1000 annually. This cost would be deleted, resulting in an estimated net annual cost of \$2000.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:

None

2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:

None

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:

The cost to beekeepers would be no more than postage involved in mailing annual renewal forms.

2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:

None

3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise, and Employment Markets:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

III. LONG RANGE CONSEQUENCES:

This bill does not address the Issues Conference Policy Statement.

IV. COMMENTS:

This bill does not address the State Comprehensive Plan.

This bill was requested by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and is supported by the Honeybee Technical Council.

This bill was discussed at the subcommittee workshop on February 7, 1989 and it was recommended by the subcommittee members that legislation be considered by the full committee.

V. SIGNATURES:

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APPROPRIATIONS:

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SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

<u>ANALYST</u>	<u>STAFF DIRECTOR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1. Merritt <i>Am</i>	Poole <i>mgk?</i>	1. AG _____	<u>Favorable</u>
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4. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

SUBJECT:

BILL NO. AND SPONSOR:

Florida Honey Certification and Honeybee Law.

SB 537 by Senator Thurman

I. SUMMARY:

A. Present Situation:

The Bureau of Apiary Inspections in the Division of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is charged with the responsibility of controlling American foulbrood and other contagious and infectious diseases of bees in Florida.

Chapter 87-17, Laws of Florida, amended s. 586.10(7), Florida Statutes, to allow the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to enter into cooperative agreements with other agencies and groups for eradication and control of honeybee pests and unwanted races of honeybees, such as the Africanized bee.

Section 586.11 establishes, under the honeybee and used beekeeping certification program, that no honeybees or used beekeeping equipment may be shipped or moved into the state unless the certificate of inspection is issued by a state which has standards of inspection adequate to ensure the health and safety of Florida honeybees, which standards are at least equal to such standards established by the department. The certificate of inspection is required to accompany an application made to the department by beekeepers for a permit before any movement of honeybees or used beekeeping equipment can be made into or within the state.

B. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to enter into compliance agreements with beekeepers. It also provides for a definition of a "compliance agreement" as being a written agreement between the department and any beekeeper who agrees to comply with certain requirements. Beekeepers are required to register with the department and obtain a certificate of registration, which is to be renewed on an annual basis. The bill requires that all honeybees and used beekeeping equipment that are shipped or moved into the state be accompanied by a certificate of inspection issued by the state of origin. It deletes the requirement that the beekeepers must receive a permit from the department before honeybees and used beekeeping equipment can be shipped or moved into or within the state.

II. ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FISCAL NOTE:

A. Public:

The beekeepers, upon passage of this bill, will place a registration number on all brood nests in lieu of having to obtain a permit and keeping it in their possession at all times.

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B. Government:

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services estimates the annual cost for registration forms and certificates of registration to be about the same and possibly less once the permit requirement is deleted.

III. COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS:

None.