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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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(Assented to _____, 1972)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. In this Act

- (a) "apiculture fieldman" means a person appointed as an apiculture fieldman and includes the Chief Apiculture Fieldman and the Supervisor;
- (b) "bee" means the insect *Apis mellifera* L.;
- (c) "beekeeper" means any person who owns or has in his possession bees and used beekeeping equipment or either of them;
- (d) "beekeeping equipment" means hives, parts of hives and utensils used in the maintenance and keeping of bees;
- (e) "disease" means
 - (i) American foulbrood, or
 - (ii) European foulbrood, or
 - (iii) Nosema, or
 - (iv) Acarine, or
 - (v) any disease designated in the regulations as a bee disease;
- (f) "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture;
- (g) "Supervisor" means the Supervisor of Apiculture.

2. In accordance with The Public Service Act, there may be appointed a Supervisor of Apiculture, a Chief Apiculture Fieldman, apiculture fieldmen and such other persons as are necessary for the purpose of administering this Act.

3. An apiculture fieldman authorized by the Minister may, without incurring liability therefor, enter any land or building (except a private dwelling) for the purpose of

- (a) inspecting or examining bees or beekeeping equipment,

Explanatory Notes

1. Definitions.

2. Appointments.

3. Powers of apiculture fieldman.

- (b) examining, making copies of or taking extracts from any records of a beekeeper that relate to the possession, conveyance or sale of bees or beekeeping equipment, or that he has reason to believe relate to the sale, conveyance or possession of bees or beekeeping equipment,
- (c) taking and retaining for the purposes of evidence in a prosecution under this Act, any bees or beekeeping equipment, and
- (d) taking any bees or beekeeping equipment for tests for disease.

4. (1) Every beekeeper in Alberta shall register with the Supervisor in the manner and at the times prescribed in the regulations.

(2) The Supervisor may supply each beekeeper with such forms of application for registration as are necessary.

5. (1) A person who sells beekeeping equipment to any person in Alberta shall, within 30 days of a request by the Supervisor, provide the Supervisor with the name and address of the person to whom and the quantities in which the beekeeping equipment was sold.

(2) A person who sells bees, including bees commonly known as "package bees" to any person in Alberta, shall, within 30 days of the sale, send to the Supervisor the name and address of the person to whom and the quantities in which the bees were sold.

(3) A person who conveys bees, commonly known as "package bees", whether for his own purposes or not shall, within 30 days of the conveyance, send to the Supervisor the name and address of the person to whom and the quantities in which the bees were conveyed.

6. A beekeeper shall

- (a) erect and maintain at the site of an apiary a sign clearly stating his name and address, or
- (b) clearly mark his name and address on one or more of the most accessible hives, or
- (c) clearly identify his apiary in some other manner satisfactory to the Supervisor.

7. (1) No person shall bring into Alberta

- (a) bees in hives or on combs, or
- (b) used beekeeping equipment,

without first having obtained permission in writing to do so from the Supervisor.

4. Registration of beekeepers.

5. Selling and conveying bees.

6. Self-explanatory.

7. Permission to bring bees or used beekeeping equipment to Alberta.

(2) Where bees or beekeeping equipment are brought into Alberta

(a) without permission, or

(b) in a diseased condition,

the Supervisor may by order in writing direct that the bees or beekeeping equipment be returned to the place from which they came at the expense of the person who brought the bees or beekeeping equipment into Alberta.

8. (1) No person shall buy, sell or otherwise dispose of any used beekeeping equipment without first having obtained permission in writing from an apiculture fieldman.

(2) Where the used beekeeping equipment is in a diseased condition, the apiculture fieldman may refuse to give permission.

9. (1) Where an apiculture fieldman determines that a disease exists among bees or in beekeeping equipment he shall inform the beekeeper.

(2) Upon a beekeeper being informed that a disease exists in his bees or beekeeping equipment he shall not

(a) move any bees or beekeeping equipment or cause, authorize or permit any bees or beekeeping equipment to be moved from the premises or place where the bees or beekeeping equipment are situated, or

(b) leave any honey or beekeeping equipment exposed where bees can gain access to it,

without first having obtained permission in writing to do so from an apiculture fieldman.

(3) The Supervisor may order the beekeeper

(a) to take such steps as may be necessary to eradicate the disease, or

(b) to destroy the bees or the beekeeping equipment, or both.

(4) Where a person fails to comply with an order made under subsection (3) the Supervisor may cause the bees or beekeeping equipment, or both, to be destroyed or the disease eradicated at the expense of the beekeeper.

10. The Minister may, by order, declare a quarantine in respect of bees or beekeeping equipment in all or any part of Alberta and may fix the duration and conditions thereof, including a restriction on the movement by any person of bees, beekeeping equipment or honey.

8. No sale or purchase of used beekeeping equipment without permission.

9. Diseased bees.

10. Quarantine.

11. Where an apiculture fieldman discovers abandoned beekeeping equipment which in his opinion is a disease hazard, the apiculture fieldman shall destroy the abandoned beekeeping equipment.

12. Any person who

- (a) contravenes any provision of this Act or the regulations, or
- (b) fails to comply with an order of the Supervisor or an apiculture fieldman, or
- (c) resists or obstructs an apiculture fieldman in the performance of his duties, or
- (d) becomes a beekeeper without first registering with the Supervisor,

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$500 or in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days.

13. The Minister may make regulations

- (a) designating any disease as a bee disease;
- (b) governing applications for registration or renewal of registration of beekeepers, including the times at which and the method in which a beekeeper must register or renew his registration with the Supervisor;
- (c) prescribing the requirements to be met by a beekeeper before he is registered by the Supervisor;
- (d) prescribing the fees to be paid upon applications for or for the registration or renewal of registration of beekeepers;
- (e) prescribing the circumstances under which a registration may be suspended or cancelled by the Supervisor, or under which a renewal of registration may be refused;
- (f) generally, for any other matter concerning the administration of this Act or procedure for the registration or renewal of registration of beekeepers.

14. The Bee Diseases Act is hereby repealed.

15. This Act comes into force on April 15, 1972.

11. Abandoned beekeeping equipment.

12. Offences and penalties.

13. Regulations.

14. Repeals chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1970.