

Bill No. 25 of 1944.

A BILL TO AMEND THE BEE DISEASES ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Bee Diseases Act*, chapter 80, R.S.A., 1942.

The present subsection (2) of section 3 provides for a registration prior to the fifteenth day of January in each year. It is considered desirable for the purposes of administration that no date be fixed before which registration must be made, and accordingly subsection (2) has been struck out.

The amendment to section 6 made by section 2 of the Bill introduces the words "equipment" and "product of the bees" as they are more likely to spread the disease than the bees themselves.

The present section 7 prohibits importation of bees in hives or in any used bee equipment. The effect of the amendment is to permit this if a permit has been obtained from the Minister.

By section 4 of the Bill section 8 of the Act is struck out and a new section substituted. The section formerly prohibited the moving of bees, etc. a distance of more than one mile. The new section removes that limitation.

Section 5 of the Bill strikes out section 11 of the Act and substitutes a new section. The change made is to eliminate a minimum fine of twenty dollars which was formerly provided. It is considered that this fine is much too heavy for infraction of certain provisions of the Act and that it is desirable that there should be no minimum fine under this section. The maximum fine is fixed at one hundred dollars.

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Acting Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The Bee Diseases Act.

(Assented to _____, 1944.)

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

1. *The Bee Diseases Act*, being chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 3 by striking out subsection (2) thereof.

2. The said Act is further amended as to section 6 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“**6.** Any inspector, when he suspects the existence of any infectious or contagious disease in any colony of bees or equipment or product of the bees may by order in writing direct that the bees and equipment and product of the bees be held in quarantine until further order, or in lieu thereof, or in addition thereto, that the bees and equipment and product of the bees be treated in the manner directed in the order.”

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 7 by adding immediately at the end of subsection (1) thereof, the following words: “without first having obtained a permit in writing from the Minister.”

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 8 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“**8.** No person, without a permit in writing from an inspector, shall sell, move or permit to be moved from his own or other premises, any used bee equipment.”

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 11 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“**11.** Any person contravening or neglecting to carry out or offering any hindrance to the carrying out of the provisions of this Act or any regulation or order made hereunder, shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary

conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty days.”

6. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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