



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3116

Introduced 2/2/2026, by Sen. Andrew S. Chesney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 20/2-4

510 ILCS 20/2a

510 ILCS 20/5

from Ch. 8, par. 124a

from Ch. 8, par. 126.1

Amends the Bees and Apiaries Act. In provisions regarding right of entry, adds a requirement for consent of the beekeeper or landowner before entry. In provisions regarding intrastate transportation, provides that no person shall sell bees or used equipment without a permit which shall be issued based upon an inspection certificate from the Department of Agriculture, and that commercial operations wishing to transport hives for pollination or honey production or the sale of bees may request an annual health inspection certificate, which allows the transport of hives for pollination or honey production or the sale of bees for up to one year. Requires any person who sells bees, queens, or nucleus hives to obtain an inspection certificate or annual health inspection certificate. Deletes a prohibition against transporting a colony of bees or items of used bee equipment between counties within this State without a permit or compliance agreement based upon an inspection certificate from the Department. Directs the Department to adopt specified revisions to the rules in 8 Ill. Adm. Code Part 60 concerning diseased or parasitized colonies and permits.

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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Bees and Apiaries Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 2-4, 2a, and 5 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 20/2-4)

7 Sec. 2-4. Right of entry. The Department shall have the
8 power to inspect or cause to be inspected from time to time any
9 bees, colonies, items of bee equipment or apiary. For the
10 purpose of inspection, the Director is authorized during
11 reasonable business hours to enter into or upon any property
12 used for the purpose of beekeeping with the beekeeper's
13 consent or the landowner's consent.

14 (Source: P.A. 88-138.)

15 (510 ILCS 20/2a) (from Ch. 8, par. 124a)

16 Sec. 2a. Intrastate transportation.

17 (a) No person shall sell bees or used equipment without a
18 permit which shall be issued based upon an inspection
19 certificate from the Department. Commercial operations wishing
20 to transport hives for pollination or honey production or the
21 sale of bees may request an annual health inspection
22 certificate. Persons with annual health inspection

1 certificates may transport hives for pollination or honey
2 production or the sale of bees for up to one year after the
3 date of the annual health inspection certificate. Any person
4 who sells bees, queens, or nucleus hives shall obtain an
5 inspection certificate or annual health inspection
6 certificate. ~~No person shall transport a colony of bees or~~
7 ~~items of used bee equipment between counties within this State~~
8 ~~without a permit or compliance agreement which shall be issued~~
9 ~~based upon an inspection certificate from the Department.~~

10 (b) A colony of bees or items of used bee equipment
11 transported in violation of this Section may be held and
12 inspected by the Department, ordered returned to the place of
13 origin, or abated.

14 (Source: P.A. 88-138.)

15 (510 ILCS 20/5) (from Ch. 8, par. 126.1)

16 Sec. 5. Rules.

17 (a) The Department Director is authorized to adopt
18 ~~promulgate~~ rules ~~and regulations~~ for the enforcement and
19 administration of this Act.

20 (b) The Department may adopt any rules necessary to
21 implement and administer the changes made to this Act by this
22 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly. As soon as
23 practical after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
24 the 104th General Assembly, the Department shall also adopt
25 amendments to the rules set forth in 8 Ill. Adm. Code Part 60

1 as follows:

2 (1) The Department shall adopt amendments to the rules
3 set forth in 8 Ill. Adm. Code 60.50 to provide that
4 recommendations on treatments for parasites, virus loads,
5 and other bee health issues recommended by inspectors
6 shall be based on the Illinois State Beekeepers
7 Association's best management practices only.

8 (2) The Department shall adopt amendments to the rules
9 set forth in 8 Ill. Adm. Code 60.60 to delete and replace
10 the requirements under that Section with requirements that
11 are substantially similar to the following:

12 (A) All bees moved into the State shall be
13 accompanied by health inspections from the state of
14 origin as described by that state.

15 (B) Bees brought into the State for pollination or
16 resale that do not have a health certificate provided
17 by the origin state shall be required to obtain a
18 health certificate from an Illinois inspector within
19 30 days.

20 (C) Commercial operations and those selling
21 queens, nucleus hives, or packages, including
22 resellers, shall be required to obtain a health
23 certificate from the state of origin or from an
24 Illinois inspector unless covered by an annual health
25 inspection certificate.

26 (D) Apiaries and commercial beekeepers engaged in

1 pollination or the sale of bees within the State of
2 Illinois may be granted an annual health inspection
3 certificate. Such certificate shall allow for movement
4 or transport for pollination purposes, or the selling
5 of queens, nucleus hives, or packages.

6 (E) Annual health inspection certificates are
7 valid for one year.

8 (Source: P.A. 82-722.)