

# HB2223



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB2223

by Rep. Frances Ann Hurley

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 20/2

from Ch. 8, par. 124

Amends the Bees and Apiaries Act. Provides that a person registered with the Department of Agriculture who owns and operates an apiary in a reasonable manner in conformance with Department rules is not liable for any personal injury or property damage that occurs in connection with the keeping and maintaining of bees, bee equipment, queen breeding equipment, or apiaries and appliances. Provides that these limits of liability do not apply to intentional tortious conduct or acts or omission that constitute gross negligence.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing  
5 Section 2 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 20/2) (from Ch. 8, par. 124)

7 Sec. 2. Registration; liability.

8 (a) Every person keeping one or more colonies of bees shall  
9 register with the Department annually.

10 (b) Every person keeping one or more colonies of bees may  
11 be required to post his or her registration number in a  
12 prominent place within each apiary under his or her control.

13 (c) A person registered with the Department who owns and  
14 operates an apiary in a reasonable manner in conformance with  
15 Department rules is not liable for any personal injury or  
16 property damage that occurs in connection with the keeping and  
17 maintaining of bees, bee equipment, queen breeding equipment,  
18 or apiaries and appliances. The limits of liability described  
19 in this subsection (c) do not apply to intentional tortious  
20 conduct or acts or omission that constitute gross negligence.

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