



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4237

Introduced 1/5/2022, by Rep. Dan Caulkins

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 20/2b-3 new

Amends the Bees and Apiaries Act. Defines terms. Provides that, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., a commercial applicator shall not apply to blooming crops pesticides labeled as toxic to bees when the commercial applicator is located within one mile of a registered apiary. Provides that a commercial applicator shall be responsible for maintaining the one mile distance from apiaries that are registered and listed on the sensitive crop registry on the first day of each month. Provides that a commercial applicator must notify the registrant in writing at least 24 hours prior to application as to date and time of application in case there is need to move the hives. The commercial applicator shall provide upon request a copy of the label for the products being applied. This same type of protection applies to all specialty crops.

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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 adding  
5 Section 2b-3 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 20/2b-3 new)

7 Sec. 2b-3. Pollinator Protection and Commercial  
8 Applicators.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Apiary" means a place where one or more hives or colonies  
11 of bees are kept.

12 "Registrant" means the person applying for registration of  
13 the apiary or apiaries and the colonies of bees.

14 "Registration" means the recording of the registrant's  
15 name, address, apiary location, and any other pertinent  
16 information on a printed form prescribed by the Department.

17 "Registered apiary" means persons keeping one or more  
18 colonies of bees that is registered with the Department  
19 annually.

20 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

21 "Commercial applicator" is as defined in the Illinois  
22 Pesticide Act.

23 "Label" means the written, printed, or graphic matter on

1 or attached to the pesticide or device or any of its containers  
2 or wrappings.

3 "Specialty crops" means fruits and vegetables, tree nuts,  
4 dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including  
5 floriculture.

6 (b) Between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., a commercial  
7 applicator shall not apply to blooming crops pesticides  
8 labeled as toxic to bees when the commercial applicator is  
9 located within one mile of a registered apiary. A commercial  
10 applicator shall be responsible for maintaining the one mile  
11 distance from apiaries that are registered and listed on the  
12 sensitive crop registry on the first day of each month. A  
13 commercial applicator must notify the registrant in writing at  
14 least 24 hours prior to application as to date and time of  
15 application in case there is a need to move the hives. The  
16 commercial applicator shall provide upon request a copy of the  
17 label for the products being applied. This same type of  
18 protection applies to all specialty crops.