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L.D. 1730

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
112TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1223, L.D. 1730, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Maine Apiary Laws."

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the production of blueberry and apple crops depends upon pollination by honeybees; and

Whereas, the ability of honeybees to pollinate the blueberry and apple crops is dependent upon healthy bees making a timely migration into the State; and

Whereas, diseases may be spread from honeybees of migratory beekeepers to those owned by commercial and hobby residential beekeepers; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is responsible for enforcement of the apiary laws to ensure that only healthy honeybees enter the State; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources requests these changes to strengthen enforcement capabilities; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1223, L.D. 1730

1 Further amend the bill in that part designated
2 "§2771." in the 12th line (page 4, line 14 in L.D.)
3 by striking out the underlined words "or infected"
4 and inserting in their place the following: 'or
5 infested'

6 Further amend the bill in that part designated
7 "§2852." in the 2nd line (page 6, line 12 in L.D.) by
8 inserting after the underlined word "beekeeper" the
9 following underlined words 'or his designee'

10 Further amend the bill by inserting before the
11 Statement of Fact the following:

12 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
13 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
14 proved.'

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this amendment is to add an emer-
17 gency to the bill and to clarify the language.

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