

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 265

S.P. 85

In Senate, January 21, 1997

An Act to Amend the Maine Apiary Laws.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell,
PIEH of Bremen.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2701, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 572, is amended to read:

All persons owning honeybees within the State shall annually notify the commissioner of the keeping of bees and the location of the bees and shall forward to the commissioner for deposit with the Treasurer of State an annual license fee not to exceed 50¢ per colony for all bees kept on June 15th of each year. Fees shall must be established by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, ~~Title 5, chapter 375~~. No license fee returned may be less than \$2 per beekeeper. License fees shall accrue as a dedicated revenue to the General Fund Division of Plant Industry to fund the cost of apiary inspection.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2754, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 572, is amended to read:

§2754. Registration fees

A registration fee not to exceed 50¢ per colony for all bees to be shipped or moved into the State shall must be forwarded to the commissioner for deposit with the Treasurer of State. Fees shall must be established by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, ~~Title 5, chapter 375~~. The fees shall accrue as dedicated revenue to the General Fund Division of Plant Industry to fund the cost of apiary inspection.

SUMMARY

This bill dedicates certain licensing and registration fees collected by the Division of Plant Industry within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to partially cover the personal services cost of an existing seasonal Entomologist I position used for apiary inspection.