

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 25, 2018

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to developing a beekeeper registry program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 169-d of the agricultural and markets law is
2 amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

3 5. (a) Apiary industry registry. The commissioner, in cooperation with
4 the apiary industry advisory committee, is authorized to develop a beek-
5 eeper registry program for commercial beekeepers, part-time beekeepers
6 and hobbyist beekeepers. Such program may be managed by an institution
7 of higher education with expertise in beekeeping and bee health. The
8 purpose of such registry program shall be to maintain a census of beek-
9 eeper and beehives and provide a means of communication to and from
10 beekeepers and bee research programs to provide for monitoring of the
11 bee population in New York state with the goal of protecting the health
12 and wellbeing of bees, preventing disease and maintaining the productiv-
13 ity of bees for pollination and honey production.

14 (b) Registry notification by sellers of bees and beekeeping equipment.
15 As part of a beekeeper registry program developed pursuant to this
16 subdivision, any person, firm, limited liability company or corporation
17 that sells bees and beekeeping equipment to New York state residents
18 shall provide information required by the department to New York state
19 purchasers of such bees or beekeeping equipment informing them about the
20 beekeeper registry program, including, but not limited to, the purpose
21 of such program and how such purchasers may register.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
23 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
24 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
25 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
26 completed on or before such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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