

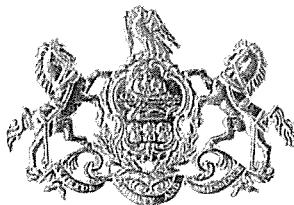
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Senate of Pennsylvania

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM:  Senator Lisa Baker

SUBJECT: Part-time beekeeper exemption from Act 106 of 2010

I am introducing a bill to exempt part-time beekeepers from the food establishment registration requirements under Act 106 of 2010, a codification of Pennsylvania's food safety laws, which has had a negative effect on small hobbyist beekeepers.

If not exempted, the cumbersome registration requirements and fees could reduce the number of beekeepers, decrease pollination potential, reduce honey availability and increase the cost of honey.

Bee hives are currently inspected under Act 184 of 1974, the Honey Sale and Labeling Act. Under the proposed legislation, the beekeeper is exempt from Act 106 if in compliance with Act 184, and one hundred percent of the honey products sold are processed on the farm on which the retail food facility is located.

If you wish to co-sponsor this proposal, please contact Liz Clancy at LClancy@pasen.gov or by phone at 787-7428.

Thank you.