
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2640

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2018 Regular Session

By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Buys, Peterson, Pike, Lytton, Stambaugh, and Blake)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to limiting liability for registered apiarists;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 15.60 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.60
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 A person who owns or operates an apiary, is a registered apiarist
7 under RCW 15.60.021, abides by all applicable city, town, or county
8 ordinances regarding beekeeping, and operates the apiary in a
9 reasonable manner and in accordance with generally accepted
10 beekeeping practices, is not liable for any civil damages that occur
11 in connection with the keeping and maintaining of bees, bee
12 equipment, queen breeding equipment, apiaries, and appliances. The
13 limitation of liability established in this section does not apply to
14 acts or omissions that are reckless.

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