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H.B. No. 820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to beekeepers not engaging in structural pest control.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1951.056(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Sections 1951.212 and 1951.457(c), this chapter does not apply to a person acting as a beekeeper, as defined by Section 131.001, Agriculture Code, who+

~~(1) is registered with the board and with the chief apiary inspector as provided by Subchapter C, Chapter 131, Agriculture Code,~~

~~(2) does not use pesticides or electrical devices other than conventional bee smokers or equipment as defined by Section 131.001, Agriculture Code, and~~

~~(3) collects, removes, or destroys honey bees not attached to a dwelling or structure occupied by the public.~~

(b) A person described by Subsection (a) is not considered to be engaged in the business of structural pest control.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.