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Overview

This bill repeals all existing regulation of apiaries (i.e. the place where bees are kept) and inserts a new section authorizing the Department of Agriculture to provide bee inspections and other services upon request.

Section

1 Inspections and services; fees.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. Section 3 (below) repeals all sections of Minn. Stat. Chapter 19 (Apiaries). This subdivision defines several terms previously defined in chapter 19 and used in this new section 17.445, including "apiary," "bees," "bee equipment," and "commissioner."

Subd. 2. Purpose. States the reason for this section-to ensure that beekeepers in Minnesota retain access to foreign and domestic markets.

Subd. 3. Inspections and other services. Authorizes the commissioner of agriculture to make, upon request, inspections for sale of bees, bee equipment, or appliances or perform other necessary services.

Subd. 4. Fees. Authorizes the commissioner to charge a fee or charge for expenses to recover the cost of performing inspections and necessary services. Requires the commissioner to provide the person who requests the inspections or services with an estimate of fees if the person so requests. Requires that all fees or other charges raised be credited to the general fund in the state treasury.

Section

- 2** **Technical change.** Amends § 28A.15, subdivision 4, to remove the reference to chapter 19 permittees.
- 3** **Repealer.** Repeals all sections of chapter 19.
- 4** **Effective date.** Sections 1, 2, and 3 are effective the day following final enactment.