

# House Bill 3280

Sponsored by Representative SPRENGER

## SUMMARY

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Eliminates registration fees on bee colony for year in which colony is established. Revises language regarding local government fees on bee hives.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to bee colony fees; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 602.045 and 602.090.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 602.045 is amended to read:

4 602.045. A local government may:

5 (1) Adopt ordinances consistent with the best practices described in ORS 602.035; and

6 (2) Charge a reasonable fee for registering hives in residential areas [*in accordance with the*  
7 *rules established in ORS 602.090*]. **The fee that a local government charges for registering hives**  
8 **in residential areas may not exceed the amount charged under State Department of Agri-**  
9 **culture rules for the registration of colonies that are subject to fees under ORS 602.090 (3).**

10 **SECTION 2.** ORS 602.090 is amended to read:

11 602.090. (1) Every person who owns or is in charge of five or more colonies of bees located  
12 within this state, shall cause the colonies to be registered with the State Department of Agriculture  
13 [*as in this section provided*].

14 (2) Application for registration shall be made on a form furnished by the department. The reg-  
15 istration shall cover each colony of bees owned by the applicant, and shall give the address and  
16 telephone number of the owner and the name, address and telephone number of the person in charge  
17 if the person in charge is not the owner. The registration shall be made before June 1 of each year  
18 for all colonies. Each registrant shall furnish an address to which any notice required by this  
19 chapter to be given may be sent, and shall agree that any notice sent by the department to such  
20 address shall be deemed to be notice in fact.

21 (3) **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section,** the application for registration shall  
22 be accompanied by a fee not to exceed \$10 per application and \$0.50 per colony. For each registra-  
23 tion after July 1, the fee shall not exceed \$20 per application and \$0.50 per colony. The  
24 department[, *by rule,*] shall establish the fees [*subject to be*] **by rule, not to exceed** the maximum  
25 limits prescribed in this subsection.

26 (4) **There is no per application fee or per colony fee to register a colony for the year in**  
27 **which the colony is established. However, this subsection does not cancel or reduce any fee**  
28 **under subsection (3) of this section payable by a person for the registration of other colonies.**

29 [(4)] (5) When the ownership of [*bees which have been subject to the charge provided in*] **colonies**  
30 **that are subject to a fee under subsection (3) of this section** is changed, the department shall  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 transfer the registration to the new owner without charges. However, if the [*bees have*] **colony has**  
2 not been previously registered, the new owner shall pay [*the*] **any** registration fee **due under sub-**  
3 **section (3) of this section** without penalty.

4        [*(5)*] (6) The department shall maintain records of registered beekeepers and the number of col-  
5 onies registered.

6        **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 602.045 and 602.090 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2017**  
7 **Act apply to fees collected on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act for periods occurring**  
8 **before, on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

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