

# HOUSE BILL 1292

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

Introduced and read first time: February 26, 2007

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Agriculture – Honey Bees**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Agriculture to determine the time  
4 period for certain inspections of honey bee colonies or used bee equipment  
5 shipped into the State.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Agriculture  
8 Section 5–505(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Agriculture**

14 5–505.

15 (a) A person may not ship or transport into this State any colony or used bee  
16 equipment that is not accompanied by the following documents:

17 (1) An entry permit, issued by the Department; and

18 (2) A valid inspection certificate that:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Has been issued by an authorized apiary inspector of the  
2 state of origin; and

3 (ii) [Based on an inspection by that inspector within the  
4 preceding 2 months, states] **STATES** that the colony or equipment is disease free  
5 **BASED ON AN INSPECTION BY THAT INSPECTOR WITHIN A TIME PERIOD AS**  
6 **DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2007.