

CHAPTER 98

(House Bill 1292)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Honey Bees

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

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

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

Article – Agriculture

5–505.

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

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

(2) A valid inspection certificate that:

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.