SENATE BILL 5017

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AN ACT Relating to defining honey bee products and services as an agricultural product; amending RCW 82.04.213, 82.04.330, 82.04.050, and 82.08.855; creating new sections; repealing RCW 82.04.629, 82.04.630, 82.08.0204, 82.12.0204, 82.08.200, 82.12.200, and 43.136.047; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. This section is the tax preference 8 performance statement for the tax preference contained in this act. 9 This performance statement is only intended to be used for subsequent 10 evaluation of the tax preference. It is not intended to create a 11 private right of action by any party or be used to determine 12 eligibility for preferential tax treatment.

is the legislature's specific public policy objective to 13 Ιt 14 support the honey bee industry and provide tax relief to eligible apiarists. Honey bees pollinate eighty percent of the nation's 15 16 flowering crops, which include agricultural crops. They are vitally 17 important to agriculture and an integral part of food production. 18 Therefore, the legislature intends to permanently include eligible 19 apiarists within the definition of farmer and define honey bee products as agricultural products so that they may receive the same 20 21 tax relief as that provided to other sectors of agriculture. Because

1 the legislature intends for the changes in this act to be permanent, 2 they are exempt from the ten-year expiration provision in RCW 3 82.32.805(1)(a).

4 Sec. 2. RCW 82.04.213 and 2014 c 140 s 2 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

(1) "Agricultural product" means any product of plant cultivation 6 7 or animal husbandry including, but not limited to: A product of horticulture, grain cultivation, vermiculture, viticulture, 8 or aquaculture as defined in RCW 15.85.020; plantation Christmas trees; 9 short-rotation hardwoods as defined in RCW 84.33.035; turf; or any 10 11 animal including but not limited to an animal that is a private sector cultured aquatic product as defined in RCW 15.85.020, or a 12 bird, or insect, or the substances obtained from such an animal 13 including honey bee products. "Agricultural product" does not include 14 15 marijuana, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products, or 16 animals defined as pet animals under RCW 16.70.020.

17 (2)(a) "Farmer" means any person engaged in the business of growing, raising, or producing, upon the person's own lands or upon 18 19 the lands in which the person has a present right of possession, any agricultural product to be sold, and the growing, raising, or 20 producing honey bee products for sale, or providing bee pollination 21 services, by an eligible apiarist. "Farmer" does not include a person 22 growing, raising, or producing such products for the person's own 23 24 consumption; a person selling any animal or substance obtained 25 therefrom in connection with the person's business of operating a 26 stockyard or a slaughter or packing house; or a person in respect to 27 the business of taking, cultivating, or raising timber.

28 (b) "Eligible apiarist" means a person who owns or keeps one or 29 more bee colonies and who grows, raises, or produces honey bee 30 products for sale at wholesale and is registered under RCW 15.60.021.

31 (c) "Honey bee products" means queen honey bees, packaged honey 32 bees, honey, pollen, bees wax, propolis, or other substances obtained 33 from honey bees. "Honey bee products" does not include manufactured 34 substances or articles.

35 (3) The terms "agriculture," "farming," "horticulture," 36 "horticultural," and "horticultural product" may not be construed to 37 include or relate to marijuana, useable marijuana, or marijuana-38 infused products unless the applicable term is explicitly defined to 39 include marijuana, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products.

(4) "Marijuana," "useable marijuana," and "marijuana-infused
 products" have the same meaning as in RCW 69.50.101.

3 Sec. 3. RCW 82.04.330 and 2014 c 140 s 7 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 (1) This chapter does not apply to any farmer in respect to the sale of any agricultural product at wholesale or to any farmer who б grows, raises, or produces agricultural products owned by others, 7 such as custom feed operations. This exemption does not apply to any 8 person selling such products at retail or to any person selling 9 manufactured substances or articles. This chapter does not apply to 10 11 bee pollination services provided to a farmer by an eligible apiarist. 12

13 (2) This chapter also does not apply to any persons who 14 participate in the federal conservation reserve program or its 15 successor administered by the United States department of agriculture 16 with respect to land enrolled in that program.

17 Sec. 4. RCW 82.04.050 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 802 are each 18 amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means every sale of tangible personal property (including articles produced, fabricated, or imprinted) to all persons irrespective of the nature of their business and including, among others, without limiting the scope hereof, persons who install, repair, clean, alter, improve, construct, or decorate real or personal property of or for consumers other than a sale to a person who:

(i) Purchases for the purpose of resale as tangible personal
property in the regular course of business without intervening use by
such person, but a purchase for the purpose of resale by a regional
transit authority under RCW 81.112.300 is not a sale for resale; or

30 (ii) Installs, repairs, cleans, alters, imprints, improves, 31 constructs, or decorates real or personal property of or for 32 consumers, if such tangible personal property becomes an ingredient 33 or component of such real or personal property without intervening 34 use by such person; or

(iii) Purchases for the purpose of consuming the property purchased in producing for sale as a new article of tangible personal property or substance, of which such property becomes an ingredient or component or is a chemical used in processing, when the primary

1 purpose of such chemical is to create a chemical reaction directly 2 through contact with an ingredient of a new article being produced 3 for sale; or

4 (iv) Purchases for the purpose of consuming the property 5 purchased in producing ferrosilicon which is subsequently used in 6 producing magnesium for sale, if the primary purpose of such property 7 is to create a chemical reaction directly through contact with an 8 ingredient of ferrosilicon; or

9 (v) Purchases for the purpose of providing the property to 10 consumers as part of competitive telephone service, as defined in RCW 11 82.04.065; or

(vi) Purchases for the purpose of satisfying the person's obligations under an extended warranty as defined in subsection (7) of this section, if such tangible personal property replaces or becomes an ingredient or component of property covered by the extended warranty without intervening use by such person.

17 (b) The term includes every sale of tangible personal property 18 that is used or consumed or to be used or consumed in the performance 19 of any activity defined as a "sale at retail" or "retail sale" even 20 though such property is resold or used as provided in (a)(i) through 21 (vi) of this subsection following such use.

(c) The term also means every sale of tangible personal property of persons engaged in any business that is taxable under RCW 82.04.280(1) (a), (b), and (g), 82.04.290, and 82.04.2908.

(2) The term "sale at retail" or "retail sale" includes the sale
 of or charge made for tangible personal property consumed and/or for
 labor and services rendered in respect to the following:

(a) The installing, repairing, cleaning, altering, imprinting, or improving of tangible personal property of or for consumers, including charges made for the mere use of facilities in respect thereto, but excluding charges made for the use of self-service laundry facilities, and also excluding sales of laundry service to nonprofit health care facilities, and excluding services rendered in respect to live animals, birds and insects;

35 (b) The constructing, repairing, decorating, or improving of new 36 or existing buildings or other structures under, upon, or above real 37 property of or for consumers, including the installing or attaching 38 of any article of tangible personal property therein or thereto, 39 whether or not such personal property becomes a part of the realty by 40 virtue of installation, and also includes the sale of services or

1 charges made for the clearing of land and the moving of earth 2 excepting the mere leveling of land used in commercial farming or 3 agriculture;

4 (c) The constructing, repairing, or improving of any structure 5 upon, above, or under any real property owned by an owner who conveys 6 the property by title, possession, or any other means to the person 7 performing such construction, repair, or improvement for the purpose 8 of performing such construction, repair, or improvement and the 9 property is then reconveyed by title, possession, or any other means 10 to the original owner;

(d) The cleaning, fumigating, razing, or moving of existing 11 12 buildings or structures, but does not include the charge made for janitorial services; and for purposes of this section the term 13 "janitorial services" means those cleaning and caretaking services 14 ordinarily performed by commercial janitor service businesses 15 16 including, but not limited to, wall and window washing, floor 17 cleaning and waxing, and the cleaning in place of rugs, drapes and upholstery. The term "janitorial services" does not include painting, 18 19 papering, repairing, furnace or septic tank cleaning, snow removal or sandblasting; 20

(e) Automobile towing and similar automotive transportation services, but not in respect to those required to report and pay taxes under chapter 82.16 RCW;

(f) The furnishing of lodging and all other services by a hotel, 24 25 rooming house, tourist court, motel, trailer camp, and the granting 26 of any similar license to use real property, as distinguished from the renting or leasing of real property, and it is presumed that the 27 occupancy of real property for a continuous period of one month or 28 29 more constitutes a rental or lease of real property and not a mere license to use or enjoy the same. For the purposes of this 30 31 subsection, it is presumed that the sale of and charge made for the 32 furnishing of lodging for a continuous period of one month or more to a person is a rental or lease of real property and not a mere license 33 to enjoy the same; 34

35 (g) The installing, repairing, altering, or improving of digital 36 goods for consumers;

(h) Persons taxable under (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of this subsection when such sales or charges are for property, labor and services which are used or consumed in whole or in part by such persons in the performance of any activity defined as a "sale at

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1 retail" or "retail sale" even though such property, labor and 2 services may be resold after such use or consumption. Nothing 3 contained in this subsection may be construed to modify subsection 4 (1) of this section and nothing contained in subsection (1) of this 5 section may be construed to modify this subsection.

6 (3) The term "sale at retail" or "retail sale" includes the sale 7 of or charge made for personal, business, or professional services 8 including amounts designated as interest, rents, fees, admission, and 9 other service emoluments however designated, received by persons 10 engaging in the following business activities:

11 (a)(i) Amusement and recreation services including but not 12 limited to golf, pool, billiards, skating, bowling, ski lifts and 13 tows, day trips for sightseeing purposes, and others, when provided 14 to consumers.

(ii) Until July 1, 2017, amusement and recreation services do not include the opportunity to dance provided by an establishment in exchange for a cover charge.

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(iii) For purposes of this subsection (3)(a):

19 (A) "Cover charge" means a charge, regardless of its label, to 20 enter an establishment or added to the purchaser's bill by an 21 establishment or otherwise collected after entrance to the 22 establishment, and the purchaser is provided the opportunity to dance 23 in exchange for payment of the charge.

(B) "Opportunity to dance" means that an establishment provides a designated physical space, on either a temporary or permanent basis, where customers are allowed to dance and the establishment either advertises or otherwise makes customers aware that it has an area for dancing;

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(b) Abstract, title insurance, and escrow services;

30 31 (c) Credit bureau services;

(d) Automobile parking and storage garage services;

32 (e) Landscape maintenance and horticultural services but 33 excluding (i) horticultural services provided to farmers and (ii) 34 pruning, trimming, repairing, removing, and clearing of trees and 35 brush near electric transmission or distribution lines or equipment, 36 if performed by or at the direction of an electric utility;

37 (f) Service charges associated with tickets to professional 38 sporting events; and (g) The following personal services: Physical fitness services,
 tanning salon services, tattoo parlor services, steam bath services,
 turkish bath services, escort services, and dating services.

4 (4)(a) The term also includes the renting or leasing of tangible5 personal property to consumers.

6 (b) The term does not include the renting or leasing of tangible 7 personal property where the lease or rental is for the purpose of 8 sublease or subrent.

9 (5) The term also includes the providing of "competitive 10 telephone service," "telecommunications service," or "ancillary 11 services," as those terms are defined in RCW 82.04.065, to consumers.

12 (6)(a) The term also includes the sale of prewritten computer software to a consumer, regardless of the method of delivery to the 13 end user. For purposes of this subsection (6)(a), the sale of 14 prewritten computer software includes the sale of or charge made for 15 16 a key or an enabling or activation code, where the key or code is 17 required to activate prewritten computer software and put the software into use. There is no separate sale of the key or code from 18 the prewritten computer software, regardless of how the sale may be 19 characterized by the vendor or by the purchaser. 20

The term "retail sale" does not include the sale of or charge made for:

23 (i) Custom software; or

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(ii) The customization of prewritten computer software.

(b)(i) The term also includes the charge made to consumers for the right to access and use prewritten computer software, where possession of the software is maintained by the seller or a third party, regardless of whether the charge for the service is on a per use, per user, per license, subscription, or some other basis.

30 (ii)(A) The service described in (b)(i) of this subsection (6) 31 includes the right to access and use prewritten computer software to 32 perform data processing.

(B) For purposes of this subsection (6)(b)(ii), "data processing" means the systematic performance of operations on data to extract the required information in an appropriate form or to convert the data to usable information. Data processing includes check processing, image processing, form processing, survey processing, payroll processing, claim processing, and similar activities.

39 (7) The term also includes the sale of or charge made for an40 extended warranty to a consumer. For purposes of this subsection,

1 "extended warranty" means an agreement for a specified duration to 2 perform the replacement or repair of tangible personal property at no additional charge or a reduced charge for tangible personal property, 3 labor, or both, or to provide indemnification for the replacement or 4 repair of tangible personal property, based on the occurrence of 5 6 specified events. The term "extended warranty" does not include an 7 agreement, otherwise meeting the definition of extended warranty in this subsection, if no separate charge is made for the agreement and 8 9 the value of the agreement is included in the sales price of the tangible personal property covered by the agreement. For purposes of 10 11 this subsection, "sales price" has the same meaning as in RCW 12 82.08.010.

13 (8)(a) The term also includes the following sales to consumers of 14 digital goods, digital codes, and digital automated services:

15 (i) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser the right 16 of permanent use;

17 (ii) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser a right 18 of use that is less than permanent;

19 (iii) Sales in which the purchaser is not obligated to make 20 continued payment as a condition of the sale; and

(iv) Sales in which the purchaser is obligated to make continued payment as a condition of the sale.

(b) A retail sale of digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services under this subsection (8) includes any services provided by the seller exclusively in connection with the digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services, whether or not a separate charge is made for such services.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, "permanent" means perpetual or for an indefinite or unspecified length of time. A right of permanent use is presumed to have been granted unless the agreement between the seller and the purchaser specifies or the circumstances surrounding the transaction suggest or indicate that the right to use terminates on the occurrence of a condition subsequent.

(9) The term also includes the charge made for providing tangible personal property along with an operator for a fixed or indeterminate period of time. A consideration of this is that the operator is necessary for the tangible personal property to perform as designed. For the purpose of this subsection (9), an operator must do more than maintain, inspect, or set up the tangible personal property.

1 (10) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for labor and services rendered in respect to the building, repairing, or 2 improving of any street, place, road, highway, easement, right-of-3 way, mass public transportation terminal or parking facility, bridge, 4 tunnel, or trestle which is owned by a municipal corporation or 5 б political subdivision of the state or by the United States and which 7 is used or to be used primarily for foot or vehicular traffic including mass transportation vehicles of any kind. 8

(11) The term also does not include sales of chemical sprays or 9 washes to persons for the purpose of postharvest treatment of fruit 10 for the prevention of scald, fungus, mold, or decay, nor does it 11 12 include sales of feed, seed, seedlings, fertilizer, agents for enhanced pollination including insects such as bees, and spray 13 14 materials to: (a) Persons who participate in the federal conservation reserve program, the environmental quality incentives program, the 15 16 wetlands reserve program, and the wildlife habitat incentives 17 program, or their successors administered by the United States department of agriculture; (b) farmers for the purpose of producing 18 for sale any agricultural product; (c) farmers for the purpose of 19 providing bee pollination services; and (((c))) (d) farmers acting 20 21 under cooperative habitat development or access contracts with an organization exempt from federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 22 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code or the Washington 23 state department of fish and wildlife to produce or improve wildlife 24 25 habitat on land that the farmer owns or leases.

(12) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for 26 labor and services rendered in respect to the constructing, 27 repairing, decorating, or improving of new or existing buildings or 28 29 other structures under, upon, or above real property of or for the United States, any instrumentality thereof, or a county or city 30 31 housing authority created pursuant to chapter 35.82 RCW, including the installing, or attaching of any article of tangible personal 32 property therein or thereto, whether or not such personal property 33 becomes a part of the realty by virtue of installation. Nor does the 34 35 term include the sale of services or charges made for the clearing of land and the moving of earth of or for the United States, any 36 instrumentality thereof, or a county or city housing authority. Nor 37 does the term include the sale of services or charges made for 38 39 cleaning up for the United States, or its instrumentalities,

radioactive waste and other by-products of weapons production and
 nuclear research and development.

3 (13) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for 4 labor, services, or tangible personal property pursuant to agreements 5 providing maintenance services for bus, rail, or rail fixed guideway 6 equipment when a regional transit authority is the recipient of the 7 labor, services, or tangible personal property, and a transit agency, 8 as defined in RCW 81.104.015, performs the labor or services.

9 (14) The term does not include the sale for resale of any service 10 described in this section if the sale would otherwise constitute a 11 "sale at retail" and "retail sale" under this section.

12 **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.08.855 and 2014 c 97 s 601 are each amended to 13 read as follows:

14 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the sale to 15 an eligible farmer of:

16 (a) Replacement parts for qualifying farm machinery and 17 equipment;

18 (b) Labor and services rendered in respect to the installing of 19 replacement parts; and

(c) Labor and services rendered in respect to the repairing of qualifying farm machinery and equipment, provided that during the course of repairing no tangible personal property is installed, incorporated, or placed in, or becomes an ingredient or component of, the qualifying farm machinery and equipment other than replacement parts.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, 26 27 if a single transaction involves services that are not exempt under this section and services that would be exempt under this section if 28 provided separately, the exemptions provided in subsection (1)(b) and 29 30 (c) of this section apply if: (i) The seller makes a separately itemized charge for labor and services described in subsection (1)(b) 31 or (c) of this section; and (ii) the separately itemized charge does 32 not exceed the seller's usual and customary charge for such services. 33

(b) If the requirements in (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection (2) are met, the exemption provided in subsection (1)(b) or (c) of this section applies to the separately itemized charge for labor and services described in subsection (1)(b) or (c) of this section.

(3)(a) A purchaser claiming an exemption under this section mustkeep records necessary for the department to verify eligibility under

this section. Sellers making tax-exempt sales under this section must obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser in a form and manner prescribed by the department. In lieu of an exemption certificate, a seller may capture the relevant data elements as allowed under the streamlined sales and use tax agreement. The seller must retain a copy of the certificate or the data elements for the seller's files.

8 (b)(i) For a person who is an eligible farmer as defined in 9 subsection (4)(b)(iv) of this section, the exemption is conditioned 10 upon:

(A) The eligible farmer having gross sales or a harvested value of agricultural products grown, raised, or produced by that person <u>or</u> gross sales of bee pollination services of at least ten thousand dollars in the first full tax year in which the person engages in business as a farmer; or

(B) The eligible farmer, during the first full tax year in which that person engages in business as a farmer, growing, raising, or producing agricultural products <u>or bee pollination services</u> having an estimated value at any time during that year of at least ten thousand dollars, if the person will not sell or harvest an agricultural product <u>or bee pollination service</u> during the first full tax year in which the person engages in business as a farmer.

(ii) If a person fails to meet the condition provided 23 in (b)(i)(A) or (B) of this subsection, the person must repay any taxes 24 25 exempted under this section. Any taxes for which an exemption under 26 this section was claimed are due and payable to the department within thirty days of the end of the first full tax year in which the person 27 engages in business as a farmer. The department must assess interest 28 29 on the taxes for which the exemption was claimed as provided in chapter 82.32 RCW, retroactively to the date the exemption was 30 claimed, and accrues until the taxes for which the exemption was 31 claimed are paid. Penalties may not be imposed on any tax required to 32 be paid under this subsection (3) (b)(ii) if full payment is received 33 by the due date. 34

35 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this36 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

37 (a) "Agricultural products" has the meaning provided in RCW38 82.04.213.

39 (b) "Eligible farmer" means:

1 (i) A farmer as defined in RCW 82.04.213 whose gross sales or 2 harvested value of agricultural products grown, raised, or produced 3 by that person <u>or gross sales of bee pollination services</u> was at 4 least ten thousand dollars for the immediately preceding tax year;

5 (ii) A farmer as defined in RCW 82.04.213 whose agricultural 6 products had an estimated value of at least ten thousand dollars for 7 the immediately preceding tax year, if the person did not sell or 8 harvest an agricultural product <u>or bee pollination service</u> during 9 that year;

10 (iii) A farmer as defined in RCW 82.04.213 who has merely changed 11 identity or the form of ownership of an entity that was an eligible 12 farmer, where there was no change in beneficial ownership, and the 13 combined gross sales, harvested value, or estimated value of 14 agricultural products or bee pollination services by both entities 15 met the requirements of (b)(i) or (ii) of this subsection for the 16 immediately preceding tax year;

17 (iv) A farmer as defined in RCW $82.04.213((\tau))$ who does not meet 18 the definition of "eligible farmer" in (b)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this 19 subsection, and who did not engage in farming for the entire 20 immediately preceding tax year, because the farmer is either new to 21 farming or newly returned to farming; or

(v) Anyone who otherwise meets the definition of "eligible farmer" in this subsection except that they are not a "person" as defined in RCW 82.04.030.

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(c) "Farm vehicle" has the same meaning as in RCW 46.04.181.

26 (d) "Harvested value" means the number of units of the agricultural product that were grown, raised, or produced, multiplied 27 by the average sales price of the agricultural product. For purposes 28 of this subsection (4)(d), "average sales price" means the average 29 price per unit of agricultural product received by farmers in this 30 31 state as reported by the United States department of agriculture's national agricultural statistics service for the twelve-month period 32 that coincides with, or that ends closest to, the end of the relevant 33 tax year, regardless of whether the prices are subject to revision. 34 If the price per unit of an agricultural product received by farmers 35 36 in this state is not available from the national agricultural statistics service, average sales price may be determined by using 37 the average price per unit of agricultural product received by 38 39 farmers in this state as reported by a recognized authority for the 40 agricultural product.

(e) "Qualifying farm machinery and equipment" means machinery and
 equipment used primarily by an eligible farmer for growing, raising,
 or producing agricultural products, providing bee pollination
 <u>services</u>, or both. "Qualifying farm machinery and equipment" does not
 include:

6 (i) Vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.670, other than farm 7 tractors as defined in RCW 46.04.180, farm vehicles, and other farm 8 implements. For purposes of this subsection (4)(e)(i), "farm 9 implement" means machinery or equipment manufactured, designed, or 10 reconstructed for agricultural purposes and used primarily by an 11 eligible farmer to grow, raise, or produce agricultural products, but 12 does not include lawn tractors and all-terrain vehicles;

13 (ii) Aircraft;

14 (iii) Hand tools and hand-powered tools; and

15 (iv) Property with a useful life of less than one year.

16 (f)(i) "Replacement parts" means those parts that replace an 17 existing part, or which are essential to maintain the working 18 condition, of a piece of qualifying farm machinery or equipment.

(ii) Paint, fuel, oil, hydraulic fluids, antifreeze, and similar items are not replacement parts except when installed, incorporated, or placed in qualifying farm machinery and equipment during the course of installing replacement parts as defined in (f)(i) of this subsection or making repairs as described in subsection (l)(c) of this section.

(g) "Tax year" means the period for which a person files its federal income tax return, irrespective of whether the period represents a calendar year, fiscal year, or some other consecutive twelve-month period. If a person is not required to file a federal income tax return, "tax year" means a calendar year.

30 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 6. The following acts or parts of acts are 31 each repealed:

32 (1) RCW 82.04.629 (Exemptions—Honey bee products) and 2013 2nd 33 sp.s. c 13 s 306 & 2008 c 314 s 2;

34 (2) RCW 82.04.630 (Exemptions—Bee pollination services) and 2013
 35 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 307 & 2008 c 314 s 3;

36 (3) RCW 82.08.0204 (Exemptions—Honey bees) and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 37 13 s 308 & 2008 c 314 s 4;

(4) RCW 82.12.0204 (Exemptions-Honey bees) and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 1 2 13 s 309 & 2008 c 314 s 5; (5) RCW 82.08.200 (Exemptions-Honey beekeepers) and 2013 2nd 3 4 sp.s. c 13 s 302; (6) RCW 82.12.200 (Exemptions-Honey beekeepers) and 2013 2nd 5 sp.s. c 13 s 303; and 6 7 (7) RCW 43.136.047 (Beekeeper evaluation) and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 13 8 s 304.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. The legislature intends for the amendments 10 in this act to be permanent. Therefore, the amendments in this act 11 are exempt from the ten-year expiration provision in RCW 12 82.32.805(1)(a).

13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate 14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of 15 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes 16 effect July 1, 2015.

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