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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1337

DIGEST OF HB 1337 (Updated February 22, 2024 12:46 pm - DI 87)

Citations Affected: IC 32-25.5.

Synopsis: HOA regulation of beekeeping. Provides that a homeowners association may regulate the number and location of beehives on properties. Provides that a homeowners association may not: (1) regulate the number and location of beehives that are located on a property before the regulations are adopted; and (2) prohibit beekeeping on property that complies with state law, if the beehives are actively maintained for pollination or production of honey.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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(SENATE SPONSOR — BALDWIN)

January 10, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

January 22, 2024, reported — Do Pass.

January 25, 2024, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 29, 2024, read third time, passed. Yeas 78, nays 18.

SENATE ACTION

February 5, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.

February 26, 2024, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 32-25.5-3.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2024]:

4 **Chapter 3.7. Homeowners Association Regulation of Beekeeping**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "governing documents" has the**
6 **meaning set forth in IC 32-25.5-2-3.**

7 **Sec. 2. This chapter applies only to a homeowners association's**
8 **adoption or amendment of governing documents after June 30,**
9 **2024.**

10 **Sec. 3. Except as provided in section 4 of this chapter, and**
11 **subject to section 6 of this chapter, a homeowners association may**
12 **adopt or amend governing documents to regulate the:**

13 (1) **number; and**

14 (2) **location;**

15 **of active beehives that a person may maintain on a property that**
16 **a person owns, rents, or leases.**

17 **Sec. 4. This section applies only to a person who has active**

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1 beehives located on a property before the date the homeowners
2 association adopts or amends the governing documents. This
3 chapter does not allow a homeowners association to prevent a
4 person from maintaining the same:

5 (1) number; and

6 (2) location;

7 of active beehives that are on the property before the date the
8 governing documents are adopted or amended.

9 **Sec. 5. Any regulation by a homeowners association must be**
10 **consistent with:**

11 (1) IC 14-24-8; and

12 (2) any rules adopted under IC 14-24-3.

13 **Sec. 6. A homeowners association may not prohibit a person**
14 **from beekeeping on a property that the person owns, rents, or**
15 **leases if both of the following apply:**

16 (1) The beehives are actively maintained for pollination or the
17 production of honey.

18 (2) The person who is beekeeping complies with:

19 (A) IC 14-24-8; and

20 (B) any rules adopted under IC 14-24-3.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred House Bill 1337, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1337 as introduced.)

AYLESWORTH

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill No. 1337, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 5 through 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "governing documents" has the meaning set forth in IC 32-25.5-2-3.

Sec. 2. This chapter applies only to a homeowners association's adoption or amendment of governing documents after June 30, 2024.

Sec. 3. Except as provided in section 4 of this chapter, and subject to section 6 of this chapter, a homeowners association may adopt or amend governing documents to regulate the:

(1) number; and

(2) location;

of active beehives that a person may maintain on a property that a person owns, rents, or leases.

Sec. 4. This section applies only to a person who has active beehives located on a property before the date the homeowners association adopts or amends the governing documents. This chapter does not allow a homeowners association to prevent a person from maintaining the same:

(1) number; and

(2) location;

of active beehives that are on the property before the date the governing documents are adopted or amended."

Page 1, line 11, delete "Sec. 2. Regulations adopted" and insert **"Sec. 5. Any regulation"**.

Page 1, line 15, delete "3." and insert **"6."**

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Page 1, line 16, delete "subject to covenants of the".

Page 1, line 17, delete "homeowners association".

Page 2, line 2, delete "for" and insert "**for pollination or**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1337 as printed January 22, 2024.)

BUCK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1.

