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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 499**

Introduced by Brewer, 43; Linehan, 39.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Apiary Act; to amend section
- 2 81-2,165.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for
- 3 voluntary registration of Nebraska apiaries and bee hives as
- 4 prescribed; to provide duties for the Department of Agriculture; to
- 5 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-2,165.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 81-2,165.01 Sections 81-2,165 to 81-2,180 and section 2 of this act  
4 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Apiary Act.

5 Sec. 2. Any Nebraska resident owning or operating an apiary in the  
6 state may voluntarily register the location of such apiary and associated  
7 hive or hives with the department. The purpose of such registration shall  
8 be to protect Nebraska apiaries and hives from proximity exposure to any  
9 out-of-state apiaries. Upon such registration, no owner or operator of  
10 any commercial beekeeping operation domiciled outside the State of  
11 Nebraska shall be allowed to locate any apiary or hives from outside the  
12 state less than three miles from any registered Nebraska apiary or hive.

13 A person registered pursuant to this section may report any  
14 violation of the three-mile quarantine to the department. The department  
15 shall immediately inspect, and if such violation is confirmed, the  
16 department shall issue notice that removal or relocation of the out-of-  
17 state apiary or hive be carried out within three days by the owner or  
18 operator. Any owner or operator of such apiary or hive failing to obey  
19 such notice shall be in violation of the Nebraska Apiary Act and shall be  
20 punished as provided in section 81-2,179.

21 Sec. 3. Original section 81-2,165.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
22 Nebraska, is repealed.