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**Representative Stein**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Hambley, Henne, Hill, Kick, Koehler,  
Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Thompson, West**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 909.19 of the Revised Code to 1  
grant specified apiary owners immunity in 2  
personal injury or property damage cases 3  
involving bee stings. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 909.19 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 909.19.** (A) A person that registers an apiary under 7  
section 909.02 of the Revised Code is not liable for any 8  
personal injury or property damage that occurs as a result of a 9  
bee sting or multiple bee stings by bees from that apiary if the 10  
person does all of the following: 11

(1) Implements and is in compliance with beekeeping 12  
industry best management practices as established by a state- 13  
wide beekeeping association; 14

(2) Keeps correct and complete records of implementation 15  
and compliance with best management practices as required under 16

<u>division (A) (1) of this section and makes such records available</u>	17
<u>for purposes of any legal proceeding;</u>	18
<u>(3) Is in compliance with local zoning ordinances</u>	19
<u>pertaining to apiaries;</u>	20
<u>(4) Operates the apiary in compliance with the provisions</u>	21
<u>of this chapter.</u>	22
<u>(B) The limitation of liability established by this</u>	23
<u>section does not apply to intentional tortious conduct or acts</u>	24
<u>or omissions constituting gross negligence.</u>	25