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Patton, Roemer, Rogers**

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
sting by a bee from that apiary if the person does all of the 10
following: 11

(1) Implements and is in compliance with beekeeping 12
industry best management practices as established by the 13
department of agriculture; 14

(2) Keeps correct and complete records of implementation 15
and compliance with best management practices and makes such 16
records available for purposes of any legal proceeding; 17

<u>(3) Is in compliance with local zoning ordinances</u>	18
<u>pertaining to apiaries;</u>	19
<u>(4) Operates the apiary in compliance with the provisions</u>	20
<u>of this chapter.</u>	21
<u>(B) The limitation of liability established by this</u>	22
<u>section does not apply to intentional tortious conduct or acts</u>	23
<u>or omissions constituting gross negligence.</u>	24