A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Keeps correct and complete records of implementation and compliance with best management practices and makes such records available for purposes of any legal proceeding;
(3) Is in compliance with local zoning ordinances pertaining to apiaries;

(4) Operates the apiary in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(B) The limitation of liability established by this section does not apply to intentional tortious conduct or acts or omissions constituting gross negligence.