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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

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

**Section 1.** That section 909.19 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 909.19.** (A) A person that registers an apiary under 6  
section 909.02 of the Revised Code is not liable for any 7  
personal injury or property damage that occurs in connection 8  
with keeping and maintaining bees, bee equipment, queen breeding 9  
equipment, apiaries, and appliances if the person does all of 10  
the following: 11

(1) Implements and is in compliance with Ohio beekeeping 12  
industry best management practices as established by the Ohio 13  
state beekeepers association; 14

(2) Is in compliance with local zoning ordinances 15  
pertaining to apiaries; 16

<u>(3) Operates the apiary in compliance with the provisions</u>	17
<u>of this chapter.</u>	18
<u>(B) The limitation of liability established by this</u>	19
<u>section does not apply to intentional tortious conduct or acts</u>	20
<u>or omissions constituting gross negligence.</u>	21