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Senator Schaffer

A BILL

To amend section 909.07 and to enact sections 1
5.2410, 5.2411, 5.2412, 5.2413, and 5.268 of the 2
Revised Code to make specified day and week 3
designations relating to agriculture and to 4
modify the law governing deputy apiarists. 5

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

Section 1. That section 909.07 be amended and sections 6
5.2410, 5.2411, 5.2412, 5.2413, and 5.268 of the Revised Code be 7
enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 5.2410. The twenty-first day of March is designated 9
as "Agriculture Day." 10

Sec. 5.2411. The week beginning on the Saturday before the 11
last Saturday of February through the last Saturday in February 12

is designated as "FFA Week." 13

Sec. 5.2412. The twelfth day of October is designated as
"Farmer's Day." 14
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Sec. 5.2413. The week ending with the second Saturday of
March is designated as "4-H Week." 16
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Sec. 5.268. The second full week of November is designated
"Ohio Soil Health Week," to celebrate and raise awareness for
the importance of soil health to Ohio agriculture and in honor
of the birthday of soil pioneer and advocate David Brandt. 18
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Sec. 909.07. The board of county commissioners may 22
appropriate such funds as it deems sufficient for the inspection 23
of apiaries in its county. It may appoint ~~a deputy apiarist~~ 24
apiarists with the consent and concurrence of the director of 25
agriculture, ~~said deputy to~~. A deputy shall serve during at the 26
pleasure of ~~said the~~ board except as specified in this section. 27
Such deputy shall be paid such salary as the ~~county~~ 28
~~commissioners determine~~ board determines for each day, or for 29
each half day of inspection work actually done, together with 30
such expenses as are necessarily incurred in the doing of the 31
inspection work. Before the board approves said salary and 32
expenses for payment, such deputy shall submit the same to the 33
director for ~~his~~ approval. Such deputy shall work under the 34
direction of the director and shall be responsible to ~~him~~ the 35
director for the enforcement of sections 909.01 to 909.18, 36
inclusive, of the Revised Code. The director may terminate the 37
appointment of any deputy upon submitting to the board a 38
statement that such deputy has shown ~~himself~~ the deputy to be 39
incompetent, inefficient, or untrustworthy in the discharge of 40
his official duties. Such deputy shall furnish to the director 41
such reports as are required and upon blanks furnished by ~~him~~ 42

the director. A duplicate of such reports shall be presented to 43
the board each time that a statement of salary and expense is 44
presented for payment. 45

Section 2. That existing section 909.07 of the Revised 46
Code is hereby repealed. 47

Section 3. This act shall be known as the Agriculture 48
Appreciation Act. 49