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SUMMARY

- Prohibits a person from establishing a new apiary that is located within three miles of an existing registered apiary, unless certain conditions apply (e.g., the person obtains the permission of the owner of the existing apiary).
- Establishes exemptions to the general prohibition, including for a person that maintains an apiary that is used solely for personal or recreational purposes.
- Restricts the Director of Agriculture from issuing an initial apiary registration unless the person complies with at least one of the bill's new conditions.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Commercial apiaries

The bill prohibits a person from establishing a new apiary that is located within three miles of an existing registered apiary, unless one or more of the following apply:

- The person obtains the permission of the owner of the existing apiary.
- The person does not intend to use the proposed apiary for commercial purposes.
- The proposed apiary will contain less than ten hives.
- The existing apiary is not used for commercial purposes.
- The proposed apiary will be located on property owned by the person.

The bill exempts both of the following from the prohibition: (1) a person that maintains an apiary that is used solely for personal or recreational purposes and (2) a person that maintains an apiary whose bees are pollinating actively flowering or blooming crops.¹

Under current law, any person that owns an apiary must register annually with the Director of Agriculture. In the registration, the person must set forth the exact location of the person’s apiaries and any other information required by the Director. The bill restricts the Director from issuing an initial apiary registration unless the person complies with at least one of the requirements established above.²

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 909.021.

² R.C. 909.02.