



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO HOBBYIST APIARIES; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASED NUMBER OF ALLOWED HIVE AND SITE REGISTRATIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 80-6-114, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 80-6-114, MCA, is amended to read:

"80-6-114. Hobbyist apiary site -- registrations. (1) The department may grant hobbyist apiary site registrations to hobbyist beekeepers under the following conditions:

(a) ~~The~~the applicant may not own a total of more than ~~five~~10 hives, and all of the hives must be placed on the hobbyist apiary site. ;

(b) ~~The~~the applicant ~~must~~shall own the bees and the hives and ~~must~~shall personally manage and operate the bees and the hives. ; and

(c) ~~Only one~~only five hobbyist apiary site ~~registration is~~registrations are allowed for an applicant and only ~~two~~five hobbyist apiary site registrations are allowed for a family unit.

(2) A certificate of registration of a hobbyist apiary site may not be leased, assigned, or transferred. A person, other than the hobbyist apiary site registrant, may not exercise any rights or privileges, directly or indirectly, authorized by the certificate of registration."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 624, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 624

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