

Bee Industry Act

CHAPTER 3

OF THE

ACTS OF 1990

An Act to Promote a Healthy Bee Industry

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the *Bee Industry Act*. 1990, c. 3, s. 1.

Interpretation

2 In this Act,

(a) "inspector" means an inspector appointed pursuant to Part XIV of the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*;

(b) "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Marketing. 1990, c. 3, s. 2.

Supervision of Act and regulations

3 The Minister has the general supervision and management of this Act and the regulations. 1990, c. 3, s. 3.

Bee quarantine district

4 (1) The Minister may declare the Province, or a part thereof, to be a bee quarantine district.

Restriction

(2) No person shall move bees or beekeeping equipment into or through the bee quarantine district except under the authority and in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the Minister. 1990, c. 3, s. 4.

Interpretation of Section

5 (1) In this Section,

(a) "disease" means American Foul Brood, Chalkbrood, European Foul Brood, Sacbrood or any other affliction of bees, as designated by the regulations, that is caused by a microscopic organism, a foreign body or a physiological disorder;

(b) "pest" means *Acarapis woodi*, *Varroa jacobsoni*, *Tropilaelaps clareae*, any strain of Africanized honeybee or any other animal, as designated by the regulations, that poses a threat to the health and welfare of bees and their domicile.

Duties of inspector

(2) An inspector shall make such inspections of apiaries throughout the Province as the inspector considers necessary to discover and suppress bee diseases or pests.

Powers of inspector

(3) The inspector has all the powers granted to and duties imposed upon an inspector by Part XIV of the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*. 1990, c. 3, s. 5.

Regulations

6 (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) prescribing standards and requirements for the acquiring and keeping of bees throughout the bee quarantine district;
- (b) requiring that bees and beekeeping equipment entering the bee quarantine district be brought into the Province only from such areas as are prescribed;
- (c) respecting permits issued pursuant to this Act;
- (d) designating an affliction of bees as a disease;
- (e) designating as a pest an animal that poses a threat to the health and welfare of bees or their domicile;
- (f) defining any word or expression used, but not defined, in this Act;
- (g) for any purpose necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purpose of this Act.

Regulations Act

(2) The exercise by the Governor in Council of the authority contained in subsection (1) shall be regulations within the meaning of the *Regulations Act*. 1990, c. 3, s. 6.

Offence and penalty

7 A person who violates any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations, or who commits a breach of, or fails to comply with, any term of a permit issued by the Minister, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months. 1990, c. 3, s. 7.

Part XIV of Agriculture and Marketing Act

8 Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted or construed to affect Part XIV of the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*. 1990, c. 3, s. 8.