

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 755*

Short Title: Apiculture Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives J. Brown, Holmes; Arnold, Barbee, Berry, Bowen, Bowie, Brawley, Brubaker, Crawford, Creech, Culp, Decker, DeVane, Dickson, Dockham, Ellis, Flaherty, Gamble, Gray, Howard, Jack Hunt, Ives, James, Jenkins, Justus, Lee, Lemmond, Mavretic, McCombs, McLaughlin, McLawhorn, B. Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, Nichols, C. Preston, J. Preston, Ramsey, Robinson, Rogers, Russell, G. Thompson, R. Thompson, Weatherly, C. Wilson, and P. Wilson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 6, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCREASED APICULTURAL SUPPORT AT NORTH
3 CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND INCREASED APICULTURAL
4 INSPECTION SERVICES AT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
5 AGRICULTURE.

6 Whereas, pollination by honeybees is necessary for many of the commercial
7 fruit and vegetable crops such as apples, blueberries, cucumbers, watermelons, and
8 other vine crops in North Carolina; and

9 Whereas, North Carolina beekeepers contribute over \$6,000,000 annually to
10 the State's economy through the production of honey and beeswax and add an additional
11 \$30,000,000 by increasing the value of pollinated crops such as apples, blueberries,
12 cucumbers, watermelons, and other vine crops; and

13 Whereas, the establishment of two new bee pests (tracheal mites and Varroa
14 mites) has killed up to 30% of the bee colonies on an annual basis in recent years and
15 these losses are expected to continue; and

16 Whereas, the beekeeping industry in North Carolina is the major barrier to the
17 expected arrival of Africanized "killer" bees in the State; and

1 Whereas, continuing programs of research at North Carolina State University
2 and expanded inspection and regulation work by the North Carolina Department of
3 Agriculture are needed to support the beekeeping industry; and

4 Whereas, there is needed an appropriation for these purposes; Now,
5 therefore,

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
8 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of forty-five thousand two
9 hundred sixty-six dollars (\$45,266) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of thirty-
10 nine thousand two hundred sixty-six dollars (\$39,266) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the
11 purpose of providing funding for apicultural research in the Department of Entomology
12 at North Carolina State University to deal with the problems of tracheal mites, Varroa
13 mites, and the arrival of Africanized bees that affect the State's beekeeping industry.

14 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
15 Agriculture the sum of one hundred twelve thousand one hundred fifty-eight dollars
16 (\$112,158) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred seven thousand four
17 hundred forty-eight dollars (\$107,448) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the purpose of
18 providing increased inspection and regulatory services by the Division of Plant Industry
19 to deal with the problems of tracheal mites, Varroa mites, and the arrival of Africanized
20 bees that affect the State's beekeeping industry.

21 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.