067050702 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 101** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 11, 2006 Prefiled January 10, 2006 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 3.1-610.19:1, relating to processing and selling honey from beekeeping operations. 6 Patron—Blevins 7 8 Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 3.1-610.19:1 as follows: 11 12 § 3.1-610.19:1. Persons keeping 50 or fewer hives selling honey. 13 14

Persons keeping 50 or fewer hives and selling the honey produced by their own bees shall not be required to process the honey in a certified honey house or food processing establishment, nor shall the person be required to obtain a permit from the Department, provided the honey is of edible quality and of the quality as represented. The person shall be required to comply with the other provisions of this chapter.

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