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A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.2-4416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Beehive Grant Program.

Patrons—Wilt and Landes

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.2-4416 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.2-4416. Beehive Grant Program.

A. As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Fund" means the Beehive Grant Fund established pursuant to § 3.2-4415.

"Grant" means a grant issued pursuant to the Beehive Grant Program.

"Individual" means a beekeeper registered with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

B. Beginning January 1, 2013, any individual who either purchases a new hive or purchases materials or supplies to construct a new hive may apply to the Department for a grant from the Fund. Such grant shall be in an amount equal to \$200 per new hive, not to exceed \$2,400 per individual per year.

C. An individual shall apply to the Department for a grant for purchase or construction of new hives. Grants shall be issued in the order that each in which the completed eligible application is applications are received. In the event that the If the total amount of eligible grants grant funding requested by eligible applications in a fiscal year exceeds the funds available in the Fund, such grants shall be paid in the next the Department shall cease reviewing further applications for that fiscal year and shall notify such applicants that the funds available for that fiscal year in which funds are available have been exhausted.

D. The Department shall develop guidelines setting forth the general requirements of qualifying for a grant.

E. The Department shall compile, maintain, and distribute electronically a Virginia Beekeeping Guide to provide information to beekeepers on beekeeping.

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