

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 3.2-4416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to beehive grant program.*

3 [H 1152]

4 Approved

5 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

7 § 3.2-4416. Beehive distribution program.

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

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

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

11 "Individual" means a beekeeper Any individual registered with the Department of Agriculture and  
12 Consumer Services.13 B. Beginning January 1, 2013, any individual who either purchases a new hive or purchases  
14 materials or supplies to construct a new hive as a beekeeper may apply to the Department for a grant  
15 from the Fund. Such grant shall be in an amount equal to \$200 per new hive, not to exceed \$2,400 per  
16 individual per year.17 C. An individual shall apply to the Department for a grant for purchase or construction of new hives.  
18 Grants no more than three basic beehive units per year. The Department shall establish guidelines  
19 setting forth the components of a basic beehive unit and the general requirements for qualifying for such  
20 unit. Applications for beehive units shall be issued processed in the order that each in which completed  
21 eligible application is applications are received. In the event that the amount of eligible grants requested  
22 in a fiscal year exceeds the funds are not available in the Beehive Grant Fund, such grants shall be paid  
23 in established pursuant to § 3.2-4415 (the Fund), the Department may cease accepting applications and  
24 notify applicants that the funds available for that fiscal year have been exhausted. The Department shall  
25 not be required to carry forward pending applications to the next fiscal year in which funds are  
26 available in the Fund.27 D. The Department shall develop guidelines setting forth the general requirements of qualifying for a  
28 grant.29 E. The Department shall compile, maintain, and distribute electronically a Virginia Beekeeping Guide  
30 to provide information to beekeepers on beekeeping may use funds from the Fund to pay for the costs of  
31 purchasing, building, or distributing the beehive units and for the costs of administering the beehive  
32 distribution program. The Department may work cooperatively with the Virginia Cooperative Extension  
33 Service and Agricultural Experiment Station Division, established pursuant to Article 2 (§ 23.1-2608 et  
34 seq.) of Chapter 26 of Title 23.1, to carry out the provisions of this section.

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