

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

4 [H 1237]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 3.2-4416 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 3.2-4416. Beehive distribution program.**

9 Any individual registered with the Department as a beekeeper may apply to the Department for no
10 more than three basic beehive units per year *per household*. The Department shall establish guidelines
11 setting forth the components of a basic beehive unit and the general requirements for qualifying for such
12 unit. ~~Applications~~ *The Department shall accept applications* for beehive units ~~shall be processed in the~~
13 ~~order in which completed eligible applications are received during an application period of not less than~~
14 *15 days. The Department shall select individuals receiving beehive units at random from the completed*
15 *eligible applications received during the application period.* In the event that funds are not available in
16 the Beehive Grant Fund established pursuant to § 3.2-4415 (the Fund), the Department ~~may cease~~
17 ~~accepting applications and shall notify applicants~~ *individuals who submitted applications but were not*
18 *selected to receive beehive units* that the funds available for that fiscal year have been exhausted. The
19 Department shall not be required to carry forward pending applications to the next fiscal year in which
20 funds are available in the Fund.

21 The Department may use funds from the Fund to pay for the costs of purchasing, building, or
22 distributing the beehive units and for the costs of administering the beehive distribution program. The
23 Department may work cooperatively with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural
24 Experiment Station Division, established pursuant to Article 2 (§ 23.1-2608 et seq.) of Chapter 26 of
25 Title 23.1, to carry out the provisions of this section.

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