

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 44 of Title 3.2 sections numbered 3.2-4415*
3 *and 3.2-4416, relating to the Beehive Grant Program.*

4 [H 300]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 44 of Title 3.2 sections numbered**
8 **3.2-4415 and 3.2-4416 as follows:**

9 § 3.2-4415. *Beehive Grant Fund.*

10 *From such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly and any gifts, grants, or*
11 *donations from public or private sources, there is hereby created in the state treasury a special*
12 *nonreverting, permanent fund to be known as the Beehive Grant Fund (the Fund), to be administered by*
13 *the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Fund shall be established on the books of*
14 *the Comptroller. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.*
15 *Any moneys remaining in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year, including interest thereon, shall not*
16 *revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund,*
17 *which shall be in the form of grants, shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the*
18 *Comptroller upon the written request signed by the Commissioner. Grants from the Fund shall only be*
19 *made to applications to the Beehive Grant Program pursuant to § 3.2-4416.*

20 § 3.2-4416. *Beehive Grant Program.*21 A. *As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning:*22 *"Fund" means the Beehive Grant Fund established pursuant to § 3.2-4415.*23 *"Grant" means a grant issued pursuant to the Beehive Grant Program.*24 *"Individual" means a beekeeper registered with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer*
25 *Services.*

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

29 C. *An individual shall apply to the Department for a grant for purchase or construction of new*
30 *hives. Grants shall be issued in the order that each completed eligible application is received. In the*
31 *event that the amount of eligible grants requested in a fiscal year exceeds the funds available in the*
32 *Fund, such grants shall be paid in the next fiscal year in which funds are available.*

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

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

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