

**Amendment - 1st Reading/2nd House-blue - Requested by: Eric Tilleman - (S) Agriculture,
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HOUSE BILL NO. 624

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO HOBBYIST
APIARIES; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASED NUMBER OF ALLOWED HIVE AND SITE REGISTRATIONS;
AND AMENDING SECTION 80-6-114, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 80-6-114, MCA, is amended to read:

"80-6-114. Hobbyist apiary site -- registrations. (1) The department may grant hobbyist apiary site
registrations to hobbyist beekeepers under the following conditions:

(a) ~~The~~the applicant may not own a total of more than ~~five~~10 hives, and all of the hives must be
placed on the hobbyist apiary site; ~~;~~

(b) ~~The~~the applicant ~~must~~shall own the bees and the hives and ~~must~~shall personally manage
and operate the bees and the hives; ~~;~~ and

(c) ~~Only one~~only ~~five~~10 hobbyist apiary site ~~registration is~~registrations are allowed for an applicant
and only ~~two~~10 ~~five~~five hobbyist apiary site registrations are allowed for a family unit.

(2) A certificate of registration of a hobbyist apiary site may not be leased, assigned, or transferred.
A person, other than the hobbyist apiary site registrant, may not exercise any rights or privileges, directly or
indirectly, authorized by the certificate of registration."

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