

**Amendment - 1st Reading/2nd House-blue - Requested by: Eric Tilleman - (S) Agriculture,  
Livestock and Irrigation**

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Drafter: Rebecca Brown,

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 624

2 INTRODUCED BY E. TILLEMAN, R. MINER, B. CARTER

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

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

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

11 **"80-6-114. Hobbyist apiary site -- registrations.** (1) The department may grant hobbyist apiary site  
12 registrations to hobbyist beekeepers under the following conditions:

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

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

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

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

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