House Bill 293 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 14 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to honeybees, so as to change certain provisions relating to inspection of colonies and duty to register as colony owner; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 14 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to honeybees, is amended by striking Code Section 2-14-43, relating to inspection of colonies and duty to register as colony owner, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

″2-14-43.

~~Each colony of honeybees maintained by any person, firm, or corporation in this state shall be inspected at least once each 18 months by an authorized bee inspector of the department.~~ The Commissioner may require the registration and inspection of honeybee colonies as needed. Such inspections shall be made for the primary purpose of combating the spread of bee diseases, Africanized bees, or any other threat to honeybees in this state. ~~It shall be the duty of any person, firm, or corporation not already registered as a bee colony owner to register with the Commissioner as a bee colony owner within 30 days after acquiring a colony of honeybees. It shall also be the duty of all persons subject to this article to render assistance relative to the inspection of such colony~~ All persons subject to this article shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to assist the inspectors in the inspection of such colonies.″

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.