

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE BILL 716

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to beekeepers; creating the Oklahoma
8 Honey Sales Act; providing short title; exempting
9 certain beekeepers from inspection and regulation by
10 the State Department of Health for the production of
11 honey and honeycomb; prohibiting county or municipal
12 governments or political subdivisions of this state
13 from restricting honey sales or distribution in
14 compliance with this act; providing for codification;
15 providing an effective date; and declaring an
16 emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1330 of Title 63, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Honey
22 Sales Act."

23 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1331 of Title 63, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beekeepers with annual production of less than five hundred
(500) gallons shall be exempt from regulation and inspection by the

1 State Department of Health for the manufacture, sale, and
2 distribution of honey and honeycomb products in Oklahoma if they
3 meet the following requirements:

4 1. The beekeeper shall only sell or distribute honey or
5 honeycomb produced from hives located wholly within the State of
6 Oklahoma which are owned and managed by the beekeeper;

7 2. The honey, honeycomb, or combination thereof is raw and not
8 blended with other products or otherwise adulterated. The honey may
9 be in liquid or solid form or a combination of the two;

10 3. The honey or honeycomb shall only be sold or distributed in
11 person to the end-use customer at the beekeeper's home, farmer's
12 markets, roadside stands, county fairs, or similar events; by the
13 beekeeper or members of the beekeeper's immediate family; and

14 4. Honey products shall be labeled with the common food product
15 name, net weight of the honey, the beekeeper's name, current ten
16 (10) digit phone number, an address where the honey or honeycomb was
17 produced, and shall include the statement, "Bottled or packaged in a
18 facility not inspected by the Oklahoma Department of Health." The
19 statement shall be in 10-point type or greater in a color that
20 provides clear contrast to the background label;

21 B. No county, municipal corporation, consolidated government,
22 or political subdivision of this state shall adopt or continue in
23 effect any ordinance, rule, regulation, or resolution prohibiting,
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1 | impeding, or restricting honey sales or distribution in compliance
2 | with this law.

3 | SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

4 | SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 | of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 | declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 | be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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