

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 hobbyist apiary site registration is registrations are allowed for an applicant and only two 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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I hereby certify that the within bill,	
HB 624, originated in the House.	
Chief Clerk of the House	
Speaker of the House	
Signed this	day
of	, 2025
President of the Senate	
Signed this	
of	, 2025.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 624

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