

## **HOUSE BILL 44:**

## **Local Government Regulatory Reform 2015, Sec. 8: Local Regulation of Beehives**

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**Analysis of:** 

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Sec. 8 of S.L. 2015-246

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SUMMARY: Sec. 8 of S.L. 2015-246 prevents a county, city, or other political subdivision of the State from adopting or continuing to enforce any ordinance or resolution that prohibits any person or entity from owning or possessing five or fewer beehives. A city can require that the hive be placed at ground level or securely attached to an anchor or stand, regulate placement of the hive on the parcel, and require removal of the hive if the owner no longer maintains the hive or if removal is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

This section became effective September 23, 2015.

