



2023-2024 General Assembly

# SENATE BILL 355: North Carolina Farm Act of 2024, Sec. 12: Prohibit Regulation of Beehives in Municipal ETJs

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b> August 19, 2024
<b>Introduced by:</b>	<b>Prepared by:</b> Aaron McGlothlin
<b>Analysis of:</b> Sec. 12 of S.L. 2024-32	Staff Attorney

**OVERVIEW:** Section 12 of S.L. 2024-32 allows city ordinances to regulate beehives only within the incorporated limits of the city, so that properties in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city are not subject to any city ordinance regulating beehives. The county ordinance, if one exists, will control.

This section became effective July 3, 2024.

### EXISTING LAW / BILL ANALYSIS:

Under current law, a county may not adopt or enforce any ordinance or resolution that prohibits any person from owning or possessing five or fewer beehives. A city may adopt an ordinance to regulate hives, provided the ordinance permits up to five hives on a single parcel and requires that the hive be placed at ground level or securely attached to an anchor or stand. The ordinance may include regulation of placement on the parcel and require removal of the hive if the owner no longer maintains the hive or if needed to protect public health and safety.

Under prior law, a city could regulate hives located within its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

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