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## CHAPTER 150.

AN ACT for the suppression of foul brood among bees in Wisconsin.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

## APPOINTMENT.

State inspector of apiaries to be appointed by the governor.

SECTION 1. Upon the recommendation of a majority vote of the members of the bee-keepers' societies of Wisconsin, the governor shall appoint for a term of two years, a state inspector of apiaries, who shall, if required, produce a certificate from the governor that he has been so appointed.

## DUTIES.

Duty of inspector to visit and examine apiaries.

SECTION 2. The inspector shall, when notified, examine all reported apiaries, and all others in the same locality not reported, and ascertain whether or not the disease known as foul brood exists in such apiaries, and if satisfied of the existence of foul brood, he shall give the owners or caretakers of the diseased apiaries full instructions how to treat said cases, as in the inspector's judgment seems best.

## DESTRUCTION OF BEES.

May burn all colonies of bees and combs.

SECTION 3. The inspector, who shall be the sole judge, shall visit all diseased apiaries a second time, and, if need be, burn all colonies of bees and combs that he may find not cured of foul brood.

## VIOLATIONS.

SECTION 4. If the owner of a diseased apiary, honey, or appliances, shall sell, barter, or give

away, any bees, honey, or appliances, or expose other bees to the danger of said disease, or refuse to allow said inspector to inspect such apiary, honey, or appliances, said owner shall, on conviction before a justice of the peace, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or not less than one month's imprisonment in the county jail, nor more than two months' imprisonment.

Penalty for selling or bartering diseased bees.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

SECTION 5. The inspector of apiaries shall make an annual report to the governor of Wisconsin, giving the number of apiaries visited, the number of diseased apiaries found, the number of colonies treated, also the number of colonies destroyed by fire, and his expenses.

Inspector shall make an annual report.

#### EXPENSES.

SECTION 6. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars per year, for the suppression of foul brood among bees in Wisconsin. Said inspector shall receive four dollars per day, and traveling expenses, for actual time served, which sum shall not exceed the moneys hereby appropriated, to be paid by the state treasurer, upon warrants drawn and approved by the governor.

\$500 appropriated.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 1, 1897.