

1 *House* BILL NO. *479*  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RESTRICTING THE  
 5 IMPORTATION OF DISEASED ALFALFA LEAFCUTTER BEES INTO  
 6 MONTANA."

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 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Definitions. As used in this act:

10 (1) "Department" means the Montana department of  
 11 agriculture.

12 (2) "Person" means an individual, association,  
 13 partnership, or corporation.

14 (3) "Bee" means any stage of the bee *Megachile*  
 15 *rotundata* F, known as the alfalfa leafcutter bee.

16 (4) "Parasite" means an organism living in or on any  
 17 stage of the alfalfa leafcutter bee causing damage or harm  
 18 to the alfalfa leafcutter bee.

19 (5) "Pathogen" means any causative agent of disease  
 20 causing damage or harm to the alfalfa leafcutter bee.

21 Section 2. Certification of alfalfa leafcutter bees  
 22 imported into Montana. A person may not transport or bring  
 23 into this state pupa and other stages of the bee, unless it  
 24 is certified free of the parasites and pathogens by an  
 25 office or agency responsible for this certification in the

1 state from which the bees are being transported.

2 Section 3. Registration of certification. A person,  
 3 in this state, who receives bees in any stage of development  
 4 shall register the certification of the bees, within ten  
 5 (10) days, with the department or agent designated by the  
 6 department. The department shall not accept for  
 7 registration bees not certified in the state of origin of  
 8 transportation.

9 Section 4. Penalties. A person violating this chapter  
 10 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be  
 11 fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than  
 12 five hundred dollars (\$500), or imprisoned in the county  
 13 jail not exceeding one (1) year, or both.

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