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and Labeling Act (Act 184 of 1974) defines honey and honey products and requires labeling of the same when offered to the public.

SYNOPSIS

Amends Chapter 57 (Food Safety) of Title 3 (Agriculture) by exempting on-farm sales of honey from food licensing and registration.

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

HB 2565 exempts retail food facilities and food establishments that are in compliance with the Honey Sale and Labeling Act and are located on the farm of origin from licensing or registering their honey products with the Department of Agriculture. Producers who sell honey products at locations other than the farm of origin are still required to be licensed/registered.

Effective date: 60 days.

CURRENT LAW

New Law

The current law at Title 3 § 5703 and §5734 requires retail food facilities and food establishments, respectively, to be either licensed or registered to offer food products to the public. Many honey producers are either not properly registered, or are registered under the latter section as home processing food establishments (\$35 fee). These options are still available for those honey producers who wish to offer their products to the public at retail locations other than the farm of origin. All food offered in retail locations must come from an "approved source," which requires either a license or registration. The Honey Sale