



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 35

### HOUSE BILL NO. 278

**By Representatives Hardaway, Dunn, Halford, Holt, Tillis, Williams, Shaw, Mitchell, Holsclaw, Eldridge, Jernigan, Thompson, Carr, DeBerry, Turner, Clemmons, Gilmore, Staples, Powell, Smith, Towns, McDaniel, Casada, Fitzhugh, Mark White, Whitson, Faison**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 337**

**By Senators Niceley, Bowling, Crowe**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43 and Title 44, Chapter 15, relative to beekeeping.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-24-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Community garden" means a piece of real property, either on vacant public land or on private land, cultivated by residents of a neighborhood or community, or members of a homeowners or condominium owners association for the purpose of providing the following for the use of residents of the neighborhood or community, or members of the homeowners or condominium owners association:

(A) Vegetables, nuts, herbs, fruit, or flowers, whether by means of cultivating annual, biennial or perennial plants, or trees; and

(B) Honey and honey byproducts, through the placement and use of beehives;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-24-102, is further amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting instead the following:

(4) "Use" means, when applied to gardening and beekeeping, to make use of, without conveyance of title or any other ownership; and

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43, Chapter 24, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:


Any person, including, but not limited to, a grand mentor, who provides honey or honey byproducts through the placement and use of beehives under this chapter shall first be registered as a beekeeper pursuant to the Tennessee Apiary Act of 1995, compiled in title 44, chapter 15, and shall be subject to all provisions of such act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: March 16, 2017

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR