



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 463**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1671**

**By Representatives Matheny, Armstrong, Shaw, Bass**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1963**

**By Senator Stewart**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 15, relative to restrictions on keeping honeybees in hives.

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

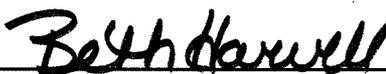
SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 15, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

44-15-1\_\_\_. No county, municipality, consolidated government, or other political subdivision of this state shall adopt or continue in effect any ordinance or resolution prohibiting the establishment or maintenance of honeybees in hives, provided that such establishment or maintenance is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. This section shall not be construed to restrict or otherwise limit the zoning authority of county or municipal governments; provided, however, a honeybee hive being maintained at a location in compliance with applicable zoning requirements on the effective date of this act shall not be adversely affected and may be maintained at the same location notwithstanding any subsequent zoning changes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 20, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR