AMENDED

June 1, 2011

**H. 4005**

Introduced by Reps. Corbin, Hardwick, Stringer, Loftis, Ryan, Bannister, Agnew, Barfield, V.S. Moss, Thayer, Murphy, Hearn, Norman, Gambrell, Sottile, Limehouse, Chumley, Bikas, Crawford, Clemmons, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Hamilton, Hayes, Hixon, Hodges, D.C. Moss, Nanney, Owens, Patrick, Pinson, Pitts, Pope, Simrill, G.R. Smith, J.R. Smith, Tallon, Taylor, White and Young

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 39‑25‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING ADULTERATED OR MISBRANDED FOOD AND COSMETICS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM “HONEY” AND TO PROVIDE LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR HONEY.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 39‑25‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding at the end:

“( ) The term ‘honey’ means the raw food product produced by honeybees for human consumption. Honey and honey products are subject to all labeling requirements of this chapter. Honey sold wholesale to other retail outlets for resale must be processed and packaged in an inspected and registered food processing facility in accordance with the act regardless of the amount of overall honey produced by the beekeeper.

Beekeepers producing no more than four hundred gallons (4,800 pounds) of honey annually and who only sell directly to the end consumer are exempt from inspections and regulations requiring honey to be processed, extracted and packaged in an inspected food processing establishment, or from being required to obtain a registration verification certificate (RVC) from the Department of Agriculture. However, labels are required on all container of honey that are sold in South Carolina. Beekeepers must file for the exemption on forms to be provided by the Department of Agriculture.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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