1 **RAW HONEY AMENDMENTS**

2 2011 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Stephen E. Sandstrom**

5 Senate Sponsor: John L. Valentine

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9   This bill requires that honey produced, packed, repacked, distributed, or sold in this

10 state may only be labeled as raw honey if it meets the definition of raw honey described

11 in this bill.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13   This bill:

14   ‣ defines terms;

15   ‣ requires that honey produced, packed, repacked, distributed, or sold in this state

16 may only be labeled as raw honey if meets the definition of raw honey described in

17 this bill; and

18   ‣ grants rulemaking authority to the department to establish labeling requirements for

19 raw honey consistent with this section.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21   None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23   None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26   **4-5-20**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29   Section 1. Section **4-5-20** is enacted to read:

30   **4-5-20. Food designated as raw honey.**

31   (1) As used in this section:

32   (a) "Honey" means the natural sweet substance produced by honeybees from nectar of

33 plants or from secretions of living parts of plants that the bees collect, transform by combining

34 with specific substances of their own, then deposit, dehydrate, store, and leave in the

35 honeycomb to ripen and mature.

36   (b) "Raw honey" means honey:

37   (i) as it exists in the beehive or as obtained by extraction, settling, or straining;

38   (ii) that is minimally processed; and

39   (iii) that is not pasteurized.

40   (2) Honey that is produced, packed, repacked, distributed, or sold in this state may only

41 be labeled and designated as raw honey if it meets:

42   (a) the definition of raw honey in this section; and

43   (b) any additional requirements imposed by the department by rule.

44   (3) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah

45 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish labeling requirements consistent with the

46 provisions of this section.