A bill to be entitled
An act relating to farms; prohibiting a person from
entering onto a farm and making any audio record,
photograph, or video record at the farm without the
owner’s written consent; providing exceptions;
providing definitions; providing penalties; providing
an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) Any person, except an employee or agent of
the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services acting
pursuant to s. 570.15, Florida Statutes; a law enforcement
officer conducting a lawful inspection or investigation; the
Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to
chapter 450, Florida Statutes; engineers and their agents and
employees acting pursuant to s. 471.027, Florida Statutes;
surveyors and mappers, and their subordinates, agents, and
employees, as necessary for any activities under chapter 472,
Florida Statutes; or persons acting on behalf of insurers for
inspection, underwriting, or claims purposes, who
enter onto a

farm as defined in s. 823.14(3)(a) or other property, where
legal farm operations are being conducted and farm products are
produced, and produces audio or video records without the
written consent of the owner or an authorized representative of
the owner, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, Florida Statutes.

(2) As used in this section, the term “audio or video
records” means any audio or video recording, regardless of the
recording medium or format, including, but not limited to, photographs, audio or videotapes, cd’s, dvd’s, or streaming media, whether stored on film stock, hard disks, solid state storage, or any electrical, magnetic, or optical or other form of data storage.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.