

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Agriculture

CS/CS/HB 1393 — Agricultural Storage and Shipping Containers

by State Affairs Committee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee; and Rep. Beshears
(CS/CS/SB 654 by Criminal Justice Committee; Agriculture Committee; and Senator Montford)

This bill provides protection for owners of plastic bulk merchandise containers used for the storage or transport of agricultural or other commercial goods. Specifically, the bill allows for the recording of marks or brands in the office of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The bill sets forth procedures that must be followed for the sale and purchase of five or more such containers and further establishes record keeping requirements, criminal penalties for violations, and a civil cause of action for damages. The bill provides an exemption for charitable organizations exempt from income tax under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and licensed waste haulers.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 116-0