

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to agriculture; creating s.
3 570.191, F.S.; creating the Agricultural
4 Emergency Eradication Trust Fund; prescribing
5 its uses; defining what constitutes an
6 "agricultural emergency"; transferring moneys
7 from the Agricultural Emergency Eradication
8 Trust Fund to the Plant Industry Trust Fund for
9 specified purposes; providing an effective
10 date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 570.191, Florida Statutes, is
15 created to read:

16 570.191 Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust
17 Fund.--There is created in the office of the commissioner the
18 Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund. Funds in the
19 trust fund may be made available upon certification by the
20 commissioner that an agricultural emergency exists and that
21 funds specifically appropriated for the emergency's purpose
22 are exhausted or insufficient to eliminate the agricultural
23 emergency. The term "agricultural emergency" means an animal
24 or plant disease, insect infestation, or plant or pest
25 endangering or threatening the horticultural, aquacultural,
26 and agricultural interests in this state.

27 Section 2. For fiscal year 1998-1999, up to \$10
28 million collected in the Agricultural Emergency Eradication
29 Trust Fund is hereby transferred to the Plant Industry Trust
30 Fund for the purposes of carrying out any existing or future
31 declared agricultural emergencies.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.