

By the Committee on Agriculture and Representative Bronson

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to citrus canker; amending s.  
3           602.065, F.S.; revising provisions relating to  
4           the deposit of certain funds for the  
5           eradication of citrus canker; providing an  
6           effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 602.065, Florida  
11   Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

12           602.065 Citrus canker claims; procedures.--

13           (9) The Department of Legal Affairs shall provide  
14   representation and assistance to the Office of Citrus Canker  
15   Claims and may provide representation to any state agency  
16   affected by this act. The Department of Legal Affairs shall  
17   also take all necessary and appropriate action determined to  
18   be available to ensure that the Federal Government releases to  
19   the State of Florida any available funds which reimburse the  
20   state the Federal Government's share of the costs arising from  
21   the eradication of citrus canker. All funds received by the  
22   state from the Federal Government to reimburse the state for  
23   its share of the costs arising from the eradication of the  
24   citrus canker shall be ~~divided and~~ deposited in the Plant  
25   Industry Trust Fund and shall be used for the eradication of  
26   citrus canker.~~following proportions:~~

27           ~~(a) Fifty percent into the General Revenue Fund; and~~

28           ~~(b) Fifty percent into the Citrus Advertising Trust~~  
29   ~~Fund.~~

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises provisions relating to the deposit of federal funds for the eradication of citrus canker.