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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to agriculture; creating s.  
3 570.191, F.S.; creating the Agricultural  
4 Emergency Trust Fund; prescribing its uses;  
5 defining what constitutes an "agricultural  
6 emergency"; providing an 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. Section 570.191, Florida Statutes, is  
11 created to read:

12 570.191 Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund.--There is  
13 created in the office of the commissioner the Agricultural  
14 Emergency Trust Fund. Funds in the trust fund may be made  
15 available upon certification by the commissioner that an  
16 agricultural emergency exists and that funds specifically  
17 appropriated for the emergency's purpose are exhausted or  
18 insufficient to eliminate the agricultural emergency. The term  
19 "agricultural emergency" includes, but is not limited to, an  
20 unanticipated disease, insect infestation, emergency wildfire  
21 situation, insufficiency of federal funds to carry out the  
22 state-federal cooperative brucellosis eradication program, or  
23 natural disaster that threatens plants, livestock, or forest  
24 and wild lands in the state.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.  
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28 HOUSE SUMMARY

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30 Creates the Agricultural Emergency Trust Fund in the  
31 office of the Commissioner of Agriculture and provides  
for its use in defined emergencies for which ordinary  
fund sources are inadequate.