By the Committee on Agriculture and Representatives Bronson, Harrington, Spratt, Smith, Minton, Mackey, Sembler, Laurent, Peaden, Dockery, Starks, K. Pruitt, Putnam, Eggelletion, Boyd and Bradley

A bill to be entitled 1 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"; providing an 7 effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Section 570.191, Florida Statutes, is 12 created to read: 13 570.191 Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund. -- There is created in the office of the commissioner the 14 15 Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund. Funds in the trust fund may be made available upon certification by the 16 commissioner that an agricultural emergency exists and that 17 18 funds specifically appropriated for the emergency's purpose are exhausted or insufficient to eliminate the agricultural 19 emergency. The term "agricultural emergency" includes, but is 20 not limited to, an unanticipated disease, insect infestation, 21 emergency wildfire situation, insufficiency of federal funds 22 to carry out the state-federal cooperative brucellosis 23 24 eradication program, or natural disaster that threatens plants, livestock, or forest and wild lands in the state. 25 2.6 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the 27 year in which enacted. 28 29 30 31