

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 funds  
7           for Fiscal Year 1998-99; providing an effective  
8           date.

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

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12           Section 1.   Section 570.191, Florida Statutes, is  
13   created to read:

14           570.191 Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust  
15 Fund.--There is created in the office of the commissioner the  
16 Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund. Funds in the  
17 trust fund may be made available upon certification by the  
18 commissioner that an agricultural emergency exists and that  
19 funds specifically appropriated for the emergency's purpose  
20 are exhausted or insufficient to eliminate the agricultural  
21 emergency. The term "agricultural emergency" means an animal  
22 or plant disease, insect infestation, or plant or pest  
23 endangering or threatening the horticultural, aquacultural, or  
24 agricultural interests in this state.

25           Section 2.   For Fiscal Year 1998-99, up to \$10 million  
26 collected in the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund  
27 is hereby transferred to the Plant Industry Trust Fund for the  
28 purposes of carrying out any existing or future declared  
29 agricultural emergencies.

30           Section 3.   This act shall take effect July 1 of the  
31   year in which enacted.