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****FINAL ACTION****

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
FINAL TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1241

RELATING TO: Re-creating the Plant Industry Trust Fund

SPONSOR(S): Committee on General Government Appropriations

COMPANION BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS YEAS 10 NAYS 0
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I. FINAL ACTION STATUS:

HB 1241 passed the House on March 9, 1999, and passed the Senate on March 16, 1999. The bill was approved by the Governor and became law April 6, 1999 (Chapter 99-56, Laws of Florida).

II. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Plant Industry Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Plant Industry Trust Fund, FLAIR #42-2-507, is administered by Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 95-60, Laws of Florida.

III. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Sections 581.031, 581.141, 581.211, 581.212, 586.15, 586.16, 593.114, 593.117, and 602.065, F.S., provide revenue sources for the trust fund.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The Plant Industry Trust Fund revenues are used to fund a portion of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Plant Industry's budget. Reestablishment of the Plant Industry Trust Fund is essential to provide a repository for collected revenues such as Special Inspection and Certification fees.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

Major sources of revenue for this fund are royalties or remuneration collected by the Division of Plant Industry in association with cooperative arrangements with any firm, agency, company, or other entity for the production and distribution of organisms, pesticides, chemical compounds, or other methods of control. Also fees and penalties collected by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in relation to Honey Certification, as well as those monies collected through Agricultural Commodity Insect Control, are to be deposited into the fund. Federal funds received to reimburse the State for costs arising from the eradication of Citrus Canker are deposited into the fund. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$15.7 million.

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B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

None.

IV. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

V. COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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