

is an effort to help residents restore some of the greenery to their communities and the department's way of thanking them for their sacrifices.

Separate legislation specifying a funding source for this trust fund is contained in Senate Bill 170. It appropriates \$40 million from the General Revenue Fund and \$10 million from the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund to compensate owners \$100 for each tree removed.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Creates the Citrus Canker Compensation Trust Fund (trust fund) within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Specifies that funds credited to the trust fund shall consist of moneys specifically transferred or appropriated for transfer to the trust fund in the General Appropriations Act. Provides that it shall be used to compensate claimants for citrus trees destroyed on residential property as part of the state's eradication of citrus canker, for administering the compensation program, or as otherwise provided for in the General Appropriations Act. Requires any balance at the end of any fiscal year to remain in the trust fund to be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund. Provides for future review of the trust fund. Provides a termination date of July 1, 2005, unless terminated sooner.

Section 2. Provides that this act shall take effect on the date that Senate Bill 170, relating to citrus canker compensation, or similar legislation takes effect, but it shall not take effect unless it is enacted by at least a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

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