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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to trust funds; creating the
Citrus Canker Compensation Trust Fund within
the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services; providing for sources of money and
purposes; providing for annual carryforward of
funds; providing for future review and
termination or re-creation of the trust fund;
providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Citrus Canker Compensation Trust Fund
created; limited purposes.--

(1) There is created the Citrus Canker Compensation
Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services. The proceeds of the excise tax on standard packed
boxes of citrus fruit shall be credited to the trust fund, as
well as any moneys specifically transferred or appropriated
for transfer to the fund in the General Appropriations Act.

(2) The Citrus Canker Compensation Trust Fund shall be
administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services and shall be used for the purposes of paying
compensation to claimants for citrus trees destroyed pursuant
to the state's eradication of citrus canker, for administering
the compensation program, or as otherwise provided for in the
General Appropriations Act.

(3) Notwithstanding section 216.301, Florida Statutes,
and pursuant to section 216.351, Florida Statutes, any balance
in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain

1 in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall be
2 available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.
3 (4) Pursuant to Section 19(f)(2), Article III of the
4 State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated
5 sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2005. However, before its
6 scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as
7 provided in section 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.
8 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
9 law, but it shall not take effect unless it is enacted by at
10 least a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of
11 the Legislature.

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

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16 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
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