

By the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Services; and
Senator Geller

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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. Funds to be credited to the trust fund shall consist
of moneys specifically transferred or appropriated for
transfer to the trust 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 on
residential property 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
in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall be
available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

1 (4) Pursuant to Section 19(f)(2), Article III of the
2 State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated
3 sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2005. However, before its
4 scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as
5 provided in section 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.

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

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12 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
13 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
14 Senate Bill 1244

15 Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1244 is different from
16 Senate Bill 1244 in that it:

17 --Specifies that funds credited to the Citrus Canker
18 Compensation Trust Fund shall consist of moneys
19 specifically transferred or appropriated for transfer in
20 the General Appropriations Act.

21 --Clarifies that compensation will be paid to claimants
22 for citrus trees destroyed on residential property.

23 --Provides that the act shall take effect on the date
24 Senate Bill 170, relating to citrus canker compensation,
25 or similar legislation takes effects.
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