

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

303-1595-01

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to citrus canker compensation;  
3           providing appropriations; directing the  
4           department to compensate certain owners of  
5           citrus trees removed as part of eradication  
6           programs; providing retroactive applicability;  
7           providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. (1) The sum of \$40 million is appropriated  
12 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture  
13 and Consumer Services, and the sum of \$10 million is  
14 appropriated from the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund to  
15 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.  
16 Notwithstanding any other law, these moneys shall be used by  
17 the department to compensate, in the amount of \$100 a tree,  
18 the owners of citrus trees removed as part of a citrus canker  
19 eradication program. Compensation may be paid under this  
20 section only for the removal of trees located on residential  
21 property.

22           (2) The specification of a per-tree amount of  
23 compensation in this section does not limit the amount of  
24 compensation that may be paid by another entity or pursuant to  
25 court order for the removal of citrus trees as part of a  
26 citrus canker eradication program.

27           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
28 law and shall operate retroactively to provide compensation  
29 for citrus trees removed on or after January 1, 1995.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 170

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 170 is different from  
Senate Bill 170 in that it:

- Changes the appropriations for citrus canker compensation.
  - General Revenue Fund Appropriation from \$45 million  
to \$40 million
  - Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund from \$5 million  
to \$10 million
- Makes technical corrections.
- Deletes an amendment to s.581.184, F.S., that clarifies that  
compensation for trees removed from nonresidential property  
within the buffer zone is subject to annual legislative  
appropriation.
- Changes the retroactive date for providing compensation from  
January 1, 2000 to January 1, 1995.