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Representative(s) Spratt offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between page 14, line 31, and page 15, line 1,

insert:

Section 17. Section 570.080, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

570.080 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; agricultural water conservation.--The department shall establish an agricultural water conservation program which includes the following:

(1) A cost share program, coordinated where appropriate with the United States Department of Agriculture and other federal, state, regional, and local agencies, for irrigation system retrofit and application of mobile irrigation laboratory evaluations for water conservation as provided in this section and, where applicable, for water quality improvement pursuant to s. 403.067(7)(d).

(2) The development and implementation of voluntary interim measures or best management practices adopted by rule,

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1 which provide for increased efficiencies in the utilization
2 and management of water for agricultural production. In the
3 process of developing and adopting rules for interim measures
4 or best management practices, the department shall consult
5 with the Department of Environmental Protection and the water
6 management districts. Such rules may also include a system to
7 assure the implementation of the practices, including
8 recordkeeping requirements. As new information regarding
9 efficient agricultural water use and management becomes
10 available the department shall reevaluate, and revise as
11 needed, the interim measures or best management practices. The
12 interim measures or best management practices may include
13 irrigation retrofit, implementation of mobile irrigation
14 laboratory evaluations and recommendations, water resource
15 augmentation, and integrated water management systems for
16 drought management and flood control and should, to the
17 maximum extent practicable, be designed to qualify for
18 regulatory and other incentives as determined by the agency
19 having applicable statutory authority.

20 (3) Provision of assistance to the water management
21 districts in the development and implementation of a
22 consistent, to the extent practicable, methodology for the
23 efficient allocation of water for agricultural irrigation.

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27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 On page 2, line 22, after "manufacturer;"

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30 insert:

31 creating s. 570.080, F.S.; providing for an

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