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Senator Geller moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 58, between lines 16 and 17,

insert:

Section 59. (1) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall provide compensation to eligible homeowners whose citrus trees have been removed under a citrus canker eradication program. Funds to pay this compensation may be derived from both state and federal matching sources, and shall be specifically appropriated by law. Eligible homeowners shall be compensated subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

(2) To be eligible to receive compensation under the program, a homeowner must:

(a) Be the homeowner of record on the effective date of this act for residential property where one or more citrus trees have been removed as part of a citrus canker eradication program;

(b) Have had one or more citrus trees removed from the

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1 property by a tree-cutting contractor as part of a citrus
 2 canker eradication program on or after January 1, 1995; and
 3 (c) Have received no commercial compensation and is
 4 not eligible to receive commercial compensation from the
 5 United States Department of Agriculture for citrus trees
 6 removed as part of a citrus canker eradication program.
 7 (3) The amount of compensation for each tree removed
 8 from residential property by the citrus canker eradication
 9 program shall be \$100 per tree. If the homeowner's property is
 10 eligible for a Shade Dade or a Shade Florida Card, the
 11 homeowner may not receive compensation under this section for
 12 the first citrus tree removed from the property as part of a
 13 citrus canker eradication program.
 14 (4) The specification of a per-tree amount paid for
 15 the residential citrus canker compensation program does not
 16 limit the amount of any other compensation that may be paid by
 17 another entity or pursuant to court order for the removal of
 18 citrus trees as part of a citrus canker eradication program.
 19 (5) Of the funds appropriated to the department under
 20 this section, the department may use up to \$500,000 to
 21 administer the residential citrus canker compensation program.
 22 Specifically, the department shall:
 23 (a) Take reasonable steps to identify and notify
 24 owners of citrus trees removed as part of a citrus canker
 25 eradication program of the availability of the compensation
 26 program.
 27 (b) Notify homeowners of the manner in which the owner
 28 may request funding.
 29 (c) Develop a compensation request form and make it
 30 available to eligible homeowners.
 31 (d) Develop a process to resolve disputes relating to

