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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trespass; creating s. 810.098, F.S.; prohibiting the damaging of fences or other animal retention structures during a trespass upon agricultural property; providing penalties; providing for forfeiture of motor vehicle or other personal property used in the offense; amending s. 932.701, F.S.; redefining the term "contraband article" for purposes of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act to include such motor vehicles and personal property; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 810.098, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

810.098 Trespass on agricultural property.—Any person who enters upon agricultural property without the owner's permission and, in the process of entering the property or while upon the property, causes damage to fencing or any retention structure used to contain animals, thereby exposing the public to danger, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. The law enforcement agency investigating a violation of this section may seize any motor vehicle and any other personal property used in damaging such fence or retention structure, and such motor vehicle and personal property are subject to forfeiture under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 932.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

932.701 Short title; definitions.--

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- (2) As used in the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act:
- (a) "Contraband article" means:
- 1. Any controlled substance as defined in chapter 893 or any substance, device, paraphernalia, or currency or other means of exchange that was used, was attempted to be used, or was intended to be used in violation of any provision of chapter 893, if the totality of the facts presented by the state is clearly sufficient to meet the state's burden of establishing probable cause to believe that a nexus exists between the article seized and the narcotics activity, whether or not the use of the contraband article can be traced to a specific narcotics transaction.
- 2. Any gambling paraphernalia, lottery tickets, money, currency, or other means of exchange which was used, was attempted, or intended to be used in violation of the gambling laws of the state.
- 3. Any equipment, liquid or solid, which was being used, is being used, was attempted to be used, or intended to be used in violation of the beverage or tobacco laws of the state.
- 4. Any motor fuel upon which the motor fuel tax has not been paid as required by law.
- 5. Any personal property, including, but not limited to, any vessel, aircraft, item, object, tool, substance, device, weapon, machine, vehicle of any kind, money, securities, books, records, research, negotiable instruments, or currency, which was used or was attempted to be used as an instrumentality in the commission of, or in aiding or abetting in the commission of, any felony, whether or not comprising an element of the felony, or which is acquired by proceeds obtained as a result of a violation of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.



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- 6. Any real property, including any right, title, leasehold, or other interest in the whole of any lot or tract of land, which was used, is being used, or was attempted to be used as an instrumentality in the commission of, or in aiding or abetting in the commission of, any felony, or which is acquired by proceeds obtained as a result of a violation of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.
- 7. Any personal property, including, but not limited to, equipment, money, securities, books, records, research, negotiable instruments, currency, or any vessel, aircraft, item, object, tool, substance, device, weapon, machine, or vehicle of any kind in the possession of or belonging to any person who takes aquaculture products in violation of s. 812.014(2)(c).
- 8. Any motor vehicle offered for sale in violation of s. 320.28.
- 9. Any motor vehicle used during the course of committing an offense in violation of s. 322.34(9)(a).
- 10. Any motor vehicle or other personal property used in committing a trespass on agricultural property in violation of s. 810.098.
  - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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