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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to food safety; creating s. 500.033, F.S.;

3 creating the Florida Food Safety Advisory Council as a

4 forum for evaluation of food safety issues; providing

5 membership; requiring reporting of findings and

6 recommendations; providing appropriations; providing an

7 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. Section 500.033, Florida Statutes, is created

12 to read:

13 500.033 Florida Food Safety Advisory Council.--There is

14 created the Florida Food Safety Advisory Council for the purpose

15 of serving as a forum for presenting, investigating, and

16 evaluating issues of current importance to the assurance of a

17 safe food supply to the citizens of Florida. The Florida Food

18 Safety Advisory Council shall consist of, but not be limited to:

19 members representing the production, processing, distribution,

20 and sale of foods; consumers and/or members of citizens groups;

21 scientists or other experts in aspects of food safety from state

22 universities; representatives from local, state, and federal

23 agencies that are charged with responsibilities for food safety;

24 and the chairs of the agriculture committees of the Senate and

25 the House of Representatives or their designees. The

26 Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint the council members.

27 The council shall make periodic reports to the Department of

28 Agriculture and Consumer Services concerning findings and

29 recommendations in the area of food safety.



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30           Section 2. There is hereby provided a continuing  
31 appropriation in the expenses category the sum of \$5,000 from  
32 the Contracts and Grants Trust Fund to the Department of  
33 Agriculture and Consumer Services and the sum of \$5,000 from the  
34 General Inspection Trust Fund to the Department of Agriculture  
35 and Consumer Services for use in payment of associated costs in  
36 the conduct of activities of the Florida Food Safety Advisory  
37 Council.

38           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.