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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and
 Consumer Services; amending s. 570.15, F.S.; requiring the
 department to establish rules authorizing nonagricultural
 vehicles to pass an agricultural inspection station
 without stopping and submitting to an inspection; amending
 s. 570.16, F.S.; prohibiting a person from impersonating
 an inspector, agent, or other employee of the department;
 providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 570.15, Florida
 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
 section, to read:

570.15 Access to places of business and vehicles.--

(2) It is unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other
 than one exempted in sub-subparagraph (1)(a)1.g. or one
authorized pursuant to subsection (5), to pass any official
 agricultural inspection station without first stopping and
 submitting the vehicle for inspection. A violation of this
 subsection constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree,
 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(5) The department shall establish by rule conditions and
criteria by which nonagricultural laden vehicles may pass an
agricultural inspection station without stopping for inspection.

Section 2. Section 570.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 read:

570.16 Interference with department employees in
 performance of duties.--No person shall attempt, by means of any



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31 threat or violence, to deter or prevent an inspector, agent, or
32 other employee of the department from performing any duties
33 imposed by law upon him or her or the department and no person
34 shall impersonate an inspector, agent, or other employee of the
35 department. Whoever violates this section commits a misdemeanor
36 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
37 775.083.

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