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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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



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29 agricultural inspection station without first stopping and
30 submitting the vehicle for inspection. A violation of this
31 subsection constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree,
32 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

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

38 570.16 Interference with department employees in
39 performance of duties.--No person shall attempt, by means of any
40 threat or violence, to deter or prevent an inspector, agent, or
41 other employee of the department from performing any duties
42 imposed by law upon him or her or the department and no person
43 shall impersonate an inspector, agent, or other employee of the
44 department. Whoever violates this section commits a misdemeanor
45 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
46 775.083.

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.