



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

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

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

16 570.15 Access to places of business and vehicles.--
 17 (2) It is unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other
 18 than one exempted in sub-subparagraph (1)(a)1.g. or one
 19 authorized pursuant to subsection (5), to pass any official
 20 agricultural inspection station without first stopping and
 21 submitting the vehicle for inspection. A violation of this
 22 subsection constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree,
 23 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

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



29 570.16 Interference with department employees in
30 performance of duties.--No person shall attempt, by means of any
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.