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## CHAMBER ACTION

The Agriculture Committee recommends the following:

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## Council/Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the assessment of obsolete agricultural equipment for purposes of ad valorem taxation; providing for obsolete agricultural equipment to be assessed at its value as salvage; defining the term "agricultural equipment"; providing a procedure for a taxpayer to claim the right of assessment under this section; authorizing the property appraiser to require information establishing a taxpayer's right to the classification; providing an effective date.

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

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## Section 1. <u>Assessment of obsolete agricultural</u> equipment.--

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(1) For purposes of assessment for ad valorem property taxes, obsolete farm equipment shall be deemed to have a market value no greater than its market value for salvage. As used in this section, the term "agricultural equipment" means any

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equipment that qualifies for the sales tax exemption provided in s. 212.08(3), Florida Statutes, wherever purchased. Agricultural equipment shall be considered obsolete for purposes of this section if it is no longer commonly used by the taxpayer.

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(2) Any taxpayer claiming the right of assessment for ad valorem taxes under the provisions of this section shall so state in a return filed as provided by law, giving a brief description of the equipment and its use. The property appraiser may require the taxpayer to produce any additional information as necessary in order to establish the taxpayer's right to have such property classified as obsolete under this section for purposes of the assessment.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2007.