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The State Resources Council 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 agriculture; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; clarifying rulemaking authority relating to pollution reduction; granting presumption of compliance with water quality standards for certain research; releasing certain research from penalties relating to the discharge of pollutants; amending s. 482.021, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "employee" and "independent contractor" for purposes of pest control regulation; amending s. 482.051, F.S.; revising certain requirements of the department to adopt rules relating to the use of pesticides for preventing subterranean termites in new construction; amending s. 482.091, F.S.; clarifying provisions governing the performance of pest control services; amending s. 482.156, F.S.; requiring certification of individual commercial landscape maintenance personnel; revising the types of materials such personnel may use; removing obsolete provisions relating to fees; revising requirements relating to proof Page 1 of 18

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of education and insurance; revising the amount of required continuing education; removing a requirement for certain business experience; amending s. 482.211, F.S.; clarifying exemption of certain mosquito control activities from regulation; amending s. 500.033, F.S.; renaming the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council as the Florida Food Safety and Food Defense Advisory Council and revising duties accordingly; amending s. 500.12, F.S.; providing an exemption from certain food inspections by the department; amending s. 570.249, F.S.; expanding the conditions under which loan funds to certain agricultural producers may be granted; increasing the amount of funds that may be granted; defining "losses" and "essential physical property"; creating s. 570.954, F.S.; authorizing the department, in consultation with the state energy office within the Department of Environmental Protection, to develop a farmto-fuel initiative; providing purposes of the initiative; providing for a statewide information and education program; amending s. 582.06, F.S.; revising the membership of the Soil and Water Conservation Council; amending s. 810.09, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for trespassing on certain property; requiring warning signage; amending s. 810.011, F.S.; defining "agricultural chemicals manufacturing facility"; amending s. 828.30, F.S.; updating references to the Rabies Vaccination Certificate; designating the Austin Dewey Gay Memorial Agricultural Inspection Station in Escambia County; directing the Page 2 of 18

department to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (7) and paragraph (b) of subsection (11) of section 403.067, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 403.067 Establishment and implementation of total maximum daily loads.--
- (7) DEVELOPMENT OF BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS.--
 - (c) Best management practices.--
- 1. The department, in cooperation with the water management districts and other interested parties, as appropriate, may develop suitable interim measures, best management practices, or other measures necessary to achieve the level of pollution reduction established by the department for nonagricultural nonpoint pollutant sources in allocations developed pursuant to subsection (6) and this subsection. These practices and measures may be adopted by rule by the department and the water management districts pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, and, where adopted by rule, shall be implemented by those parties responsible for nonagricultural nonpoint source pollution.
- 2. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may develop and adopt by rule pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 suitable interim measures, best management practices, or other

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measures necessary to achieve the level of pollution reduction established by the department for agricultural pollutant sources in allocations developed pursuant to subsection (6) and this subsection or for programs implemented pursuant to paragraph (11) (b). These practices and measures may be implemented by those parties responsible for agricultural pollutant sources and the department, the water management districts, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall assist with implementation. In the process of developing and adopting rules for interim measures, best management practices, or other measures, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall consult with the department, the Department of Health, the water management districts, representatives from affected farming groups, and environmental group representatives. Such rules shall also incorporate provisions for a notice of intent to implement the practices and a system to assure the implementation of the practices, including recordkeeping requirements.

3. Where interim measures, best management practices, or other measures are adopted by rule, the effectiveness of such practices in achieving the levels of pollution reduction established in allocations developed by the department pursuant to subsection (6) and this subsection or in programs implemented pursuant to paragraph (11)(b) shall be verified at representative sites by the department. The department shall use best professional judgment in making the initial verification that the best management practices are reasonably expected to be effective and, where applicable, shall notify the appropriate

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water management district or and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services of its initial verification prior to the adoption of a rule proposed pursuant to this paragraph. Implementation, in accordance with rules adopted under this paragraph, of practices that have been initially verified to be effective, or verified to be effective by monitoring at representative sites, by the department, shall provide a presumption of compliance with state water quality standards and release from the provisions of s. 376.307(5) for those pollutants addressed by the practices, and the department is not authorized to institute proceedings against the owner of the source of pollution to recover costs or damages associated with the contamination of surface water or groundwater caused by those pollutants. Research funded by the department, a water management district, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop or demonstrate interim measures or best management practices is granted a presumption of compliance with state water quality standards and release from the provisions of s. 376.307(5), which are limited to the research site for those pollutants addressed by the practices.

4. Where water quality problems are demonstrated, despite the appropriate implementation, operation, and maintenance of best management practices and other measures according to rules adopted under this paragraph, the department, a water management district, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with the department, shall institute a reevaluation of the best management practice or other measure. Should the reevaluation determine that the best management

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practice or other measure requires modification, the department, a water management district, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as appropriate, shall revise the rule to require implementation of the modified practice within a reasonable time period as specified in the rule.

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- Individual agricultural records relating to processes or methods of production, or relating to costs of production, profits, or other financial information which are otherwise not public records, which are reported to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to subparagraphs 3. and 4. or pursuant to any rule adopted pursuant to subparagraph 2. shall be confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Upon request of the department or any water management district, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall make such individual agricultural records available to that agency, provided that the confidentiality specified by this subparagraph for such records is maintained. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
- 6. The provisions of subparagraphs 1. and 2. shall not preclude the department or water management district from requiring compliance with water quality standards or with current best management practice requirements set forth in any applicable regulatory program authorized by law for the purpose of protecting water quality. Additionally, subparagraphs 1. and Page 6 of 18

2. are applicable only to the extent that they do not conflict with any rules adopted by the department that are necessary to maintain a federally delegated or approved program.

(11) IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS. --

- (b) Interim measures, best management practices, or other measures may be developed and voluntarily implemented pursuant to paragraph subparagraphs (7)(c)1. and 2. for any water body or segment for which a total maximum daily load or allocation has not been established. The implementation of such pollution control programs may be considered by the department in the determination made pursuant to subsection (4).
- Section 2. Subsections (7) and (12) of section 482.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 482.021 Definitions.--For the purposes of this chapter, and unless otherwise required by the context, the term:
- (7) "Employee" means a person who is employed by a licensee that provides that person with necessary training, supervision, pesticides, equipment, and insurance and who receives compensation from and is under the personal supervision and direct control of the licensee's certified operator in charge and licensee from whose which compensation of the licensee regularly deducts and matches federal insurance contributions and federal income and Social Security taxes.
- (12) "Independent contractor" means an entity separate from the licensee that:
- (a) Receives moneys from a customer which are deposited in a bank account other than that of the licensee;

(b) Owns or supplies its own service vehicle, equipment, and pesticides; $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

- (c) Maintains a business operation, office, or support staff independent of the licensee's direct control;
- (d) Pays its own operating expenses such as fuel, equipment, pesticides, and materials; or

- $\underline{\text{(e)}}$ Pays its own workers' worker's compensation as an independent contractor.
- Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 482.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 482.051 Rules.--The department has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this chapter. Prior to proposing the adoption of a rule, the department shall counsel with members of the pest control industry concerning the proposed rule. The department shall adopt rules for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of pest control employees and the general public which require:
- treatment for preconstruction treatments for the prevention of subterranean termites in new construction be applied in the amount, concentration, and treatment area in accordance with the label; that a copy of the label of the registered pesticide being applied be carried in a vehicle at the site where the pesticide is being applied; and that the licensee maintain for 3 years the record of each preconstruction treatment, indicating the date of treatment, the location or address of the property treated, the total square footage of the structure treated, the

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type of pesticide applied, the concentration of each substance in the mixture applied, and the total amount of pesticide applied.

- Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 482.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 482.091 Employee identification cards.--

- (2) (a) An identification cardholder must be an employee of the licensee and work under the direction and supervision of the licensee's certified operator in charge and shall may not be an independent contractor. An identification cardholder shall operate may perform only pest control services out of, and or for customers assigned arising from, the licensee's licensed business location. An identification cardholder shall may not perform any pest control independently of and without the knowledge of the licensee and the licensee's certified operator in charge and shall may perform pest control only for the licensee's customers.
- Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 482.156, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 482.156 Limited certification for commercial landscape maintenance personnel.--
- (1) The department shall establish a limited certification category for <u>individual</u> commercial landscape maintenance personnel to authorize them to apply herbicides for controlling weeds in plant beds and to perform integrated pest management on ornamental plants using the following materials: insecticides and fungicides having the signal word "caution" but not having the word "warning" or "danger" on the label, insecticidal soaps,

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horticultural oils, and bacillus thuringiensis formulations. The application equipment that may be used by a person certified pursuant to this section is limited to portable, handheld 3-gallon compressed air sprayers or backpack sprayers having no more than a 5-gallon capacity and does not include power equipment.

- (2)(a) A person seeking limited certification under this section must pass an examination given by the department. Each application for examination must be accompanied by an examination fee set by <u>rule of</u> the department, in an amount of not more than \$150 or less than \$50; however, until a rule setting this fee is adopted by the department, the examination fee is \$50. Prior to the department's issuing a limited certification under this section, each person applying making application for the certification under this section must furnish proof of having a certificate of insurance which states that the employer meets the requirements for minimum financial responsibility for bodily injury and property damage required by s. 482.071(4).
- (b) To be eligible to take the examination, an applicant must have completed 6 8 classroom hours of plant bed and ornamental continuing education training approved by the department and provide sufficient proof, according to criteria established by department rule, of having successfully completed the continuing education training that the applicant has been in the landscape maintenance business for at least 3 years.
- $\frac{\text{(b)}}{\text{(b)}}$ The department shall provide the appropriate reference materials for the examination and make the examination readily Page 10 of 18

accessible and available to applicants at least quarterly or as necessary in each county.

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- An application for recertification under this section must be made annually and be accompanied by a recertification fee set by rule of the department, in an amount of not more than \$75 or less than \$25; however, until a rule setting this fee is adopted by the department, the fee for recertification is \$25. The application must also be accompanied by proof of having completed 4 classroom hours of acceptable continuing education and the same proof of having a certificate of insurance as is required for issuance of this initial certification. After a grace period not exceeding 30 calendar days following the annual date that recertification is due, a late renewal charge of \$50 shall be assessed and must be paid in addition to the renewal fee. Unless timely recertified, a certificate automatically expires 180 calendar days after the anniversary recertification date. Subsequent to such expiration, a certificate may be issued only upon successful reexamination and upon payment of the examination fees due.
- Section 6. Subsection (7) of section 482.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 482.211 Exemptions. -- This chapter does not apply to:
- (7) Area Mosquito control activities conducted by a local government or district established under chapter 388, by special act, or by a contractor of the local government or district.
- Section 7. Section 500.033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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500.033 Florida Food Safety and Food <u>Defense</u> Security Advisory Council.--

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There is created the Florida Food Safety and Food (1)Defense Security Advisory Council for the purpose of serving as a forum for presenting, investigating, and evaluating issues of current importance to the assurance of a safe and secure food supply to the citizens of Florida. The Florida Food Safety and Food Defense Security Advisory Council shall consist of, but not be limited to: the Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee; the Secretary of Health or his or her designee; the Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation or his or her designee; the person responsible for domestic security with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; members representing the production, processing, distribution, and sale of foods; consumers or and/or members of citizens groups; representatives of or food industry groups; scientists or other experts in aspects of food safety from state universities; representatives from local, state, and federal agencies that are charged with responsibilities for food safety or food defense security; the chairs of the Agriculture Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives or their designees; and the chairs of the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives with jurisdictional oversight of home defense issues or their designees. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint the remaining members. The council shall make periodic reports to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services concerning findings and recommendations in the area of food safety and food defense security.

(2) The council shall consider the development of appropriate advice or recommendations on food safety or food defense security issues. In the discharge of their duties, the council members may receive for review confidential data exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1); however, it is unlawful for any member of the council to use the data for his or her advantage or reveal the data to the general public.

- Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 500.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 500.12 Food permits; building permits.--

- (1)(a) A food permit from the department is required of any person who operates a food establishment or retail food store, except:
- 1. Persons operating minor food outlets, including, but not limited to, video stores, that sell commercially prepackaged, nonpotentially hazardous candy, chewing gum, soda, or popcorn, provided the shelf space for those items does not exceed 12 linear feet and no other food is sold by the minor food outlet.
- 2. Persons subject to continuous, onsite federal or state inspection.
- 3. Persons selling only legumes in the shell, either parched, roasted, or boiled.
- 4. Persons selling sugar cane or sorghum syrup that has been boiled and bottled at a location within the state, provided the bottles are labeled with the producer's name and street address, all added ingredients, the net weight or volume of the product, and a statement that reads, "This product has not been

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358	produced in a facility permitted by the Florida Department of
359	Agriculture and Consumer Services."
360	Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 570.249, Florida
361	Statutes, is amended to read:
362	570.249 Agricultural Economic Development Program disaster
363	loans and grants and aid
364	(1) USE OF LOAN FUNDS
365	(a) Loan funds to agricultural producers who have
366	experienced crop losses from a natural disaster or a
367	socioeconomic condition or event may be used to:
368	1. Restore, or remove debris from essential
369	physical property., such as animals, fences, equipment,
370	structural production facilities, and orchard trees;
371	2. Pay all or part of production costs associated with the
372	disaster year <u>.</u>
373	3. Pay essential family living expenses.; and
374	$\underline{4.}$ Restructure farm debts.
375	(b) To be eligible, agricultural producers may have no
376	more than 300 acres currently in production.
377	(c) Funds may be issued as direct loans, or as loan
378	guarantees for up to 90 percent of the total loan, in amounts
379	not less than \$30,000 nor more than $\frac{$300,000}{$250,000}$.
380	Applicants must provide at least 10 percent equity.
881	(d) For purposes of this subsection, the term:
382	1. "Losses" means loss or damage to crops, agricultural
383	products, facilities, or infrastructure, or farmworker housing.
884	2. "Essential physical property" means fences, equipment,

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structural production facilities, such as shade houses and

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greenhouses, other agricultural facilities or infrastructure, or farmworker housing.

Section 10. Section 570.954, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

570.954 Farm-to-fuel initiative.--

- (1) The department may develop a farm-to-fuel initiative to enhance the market for and promote the production and distribution of renewable energy from Florida-grown crops, agricultural wastes and residues, and other biomass and to enhance the value of agricultural products or expand agribusiness in the state.
- (2) The department may conduct a statewide comprehensive information and education program aimed at educating the general public about the benefits of renewable energy and the use of alternative fuels.
- (3) The department shall coordinate with and solicit the expertise of the state energy office within the Department of Environmental Protection when developing and implementing this initiative.
- Section 11. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 582.06, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 582.06 Soil and Water Conservation Council; powers and duties.--
- (1) COMPOSITION.--The Soil and Water Conservation Council is created in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and shall be composed of 23 members as follows:
- (b) Twelve nonvoting ex officio members shall include one representative each from the Department of Environmental Page 15 of 18

Protection, the five water management districts, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida, the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Florida Association of Counties, and the Florida League of Cities, and two representatives of environmental interests.

- (c) All members shall be appointed by the commissioner. Ex officio Members appointed pursuant to paragraph (b) shall be appointed by the commissioner from recommendations provided by the organization or interest represented.
- Section 12. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) of section 810.09, Florida Statutes, to read:
- 810.09 Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance.--

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- (h) The offender commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the property trespassed upon is an agricultural chemicals manufacturing facility that is legally posted and identified in substantially the following manner: "THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS MANUFACTURING FACILITY, AND ANYONE WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY."
- Section 13. Subsection (12) is added to section 810.011, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 810.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter:
- (12) "Agricultural chemicals manufacturing facility" means any facility, and any properties or structures associated with the facility, used for the manufacture, processing, or storage

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142	of agricultural chemicals classified in Industry Group 287
143	contained in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual,
144	1987, as published by the Office of Management and Budget,
145	Executive Office of the President.
146	Section 14. Subsection (3) of section 828.30, Florida
147	Statutes, is amended to read:
148	828.30 Rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, and ferrets
149	(3) Upon vaccination against rabies, the licensed
150	veterinarian shall provide the animal's owner and the animal
151	control authority with a rabies vaccination certificate. Each
152	animal control authority and veterinarian shall use $\underline{\text{the}}$ Form 51,
153	"Rabies Vaccination Certificate $_{ au}$ " of the National Association of
154	State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) or an equivalent form
155	approved by the local government that contains all the
156	information required by $\underline{ t the}$ NASPHV Rabies Vaccination
157	Certificate Form 51. The veterinarian who administers the rabies
158	vaccine to an animal as required under this section may affix

Section 15. Austin Dewey Gay Memorial Agricultural Inspection Station designated; Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to erect suitable markers. --

his or her signature stamp in lieu of an actual signature.

- (1) The agricultural inspection station located at or near mile marker 1 on Interstate Highway 10 in Escambia County is designated as the "Austin Dewey Gay Memorial Agricultural Inspection Station."
- The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is directed to erect suitable markers designating the Austin Dewey

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469	Gay Memorial Agricultural	Inspection	Station	as	described	in
470	subsection (1).					

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Section 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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