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The Committee on Agriculture (Peaden) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 16, between lines 24 and 25,

insert:

Section 11. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of section 570.07, Florida Statutes, and subsection (6) of that section is amended, to read:

570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; functions, powers, and duties.--The department shall have and exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

(2) To perform all regulatory and inspection services relating to agriculture except agricultural education, demonstration, research, and those regulatory functions assigned by law to other state agencies. In doing this, the department may:

(e) Except as expressly prohibited by law, use any of the trained personnel in the various divisions of the department in performing the regulatory and inspection

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1 services relating to agriculture.

2 (6) To foster and encourage the standardizing,  
3 grading, inspection, labeling, handling, storage, and  
4 marketing of agricultural products; to enhance the food safety  
5 of tomatoes and, after investigation and public hearings, to  
6 cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture, to  
7 establish and promulgate standard grades and other standard  
8 classifications of and for agricultural products; and to  
9 establish and adopt requirements for enhancing food safety, in  
10 cooperation with appropriate agencies.

11 Section 12. Present paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of  
12 section 570.48, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
13 (f), and a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to  
14 read:

15 570.48 Division of Fruit and Vegetables; powers and  
16 duties; records.--The duties of the Division of Fruit and  
17 Vegetables include, but are not limited to:

18 (2)

19 (e) Performing tomato food safety inspections on  
20 tomato farms, in tomato greenhouses, and in tomato  
21 packinghouses and repackers.

22 Section 13. Subsections (1) and (2) of section  
23 570.481, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

24 570.481 Fruit and vegetable inspection fees;  
25 penalty.--

26 (1)(a) Each person receiving inspection services  
27 pursuant to s. 570.48 shall pay to the department an  
28 inspection fee. This fee shall cover the cost of providing  
29 the inspection service and shall be set annually by the  
30 department by rule.

31 (b) All fees collected by the department to cover the

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1 cost of providing the inspection service for farms or  
 2 greenhouses growing tomatoes or for tomato packinghouses shall  
 3 be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund and shall  
 4 be used for tomato-related inspections, education, and  
 5 research.

6 (2) All fees collected by the department under this  
 7 section shall be deposited into the Citrus Inspection Trust  
 8 Fund, except that fees collected pursuant to paragraph (1)(b)  
 9 and s. 570.48(4) shall be deposited in the General Inspection  
 10 Trust Fund.

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 12 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 On page 2, line 15, after the semicolon,  
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 19 insert:

20 amending s. 570.07, F.S.; authorizing personnel  
 21 within the various divisions of the department  
 22 to perform regulatory and inspection services  
 23 relating to agriculture; requiring that the  
 24 department adopt requirements for enhancing  
 25 food safety; amending s. 570.48, F.S.;  
 26 authorizing the Division of Fruit and  
 27 Vegetables to perform food safety inspections  
 28 with respect to tomatoes; amending s. 570.481,  
 29 F.S.; requiring that fees collected by the  
 30 department to cover the costs of tomato-related  
 31 inspections be deposited into the General

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