

Bill No. SB 2754

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Sections 570.96, 570.961, and 570.962, Florida Statutes, are created to read:

570.96 Agritourism.--The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may provide marketing advice, technical expertise, promotional support, and product development related to agritourism to assist the following in their agritourism initiatives: the Florida Commission on Tourism; the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, doing business as VISIT Florida; convention and visitor bureaus; tourist development councils; economic development organizations; and local governments. In carrying out this responsibility, the department shall focus its agritourism efforts on fostering agritourism in rural and urban communities.

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1 570.961 Definitions.--As used in ss. 570.96-570.962,
2 the term:

3 (1) "Agritourism activity" means any activity carried
4 out on a farm or ranch or in a forest that allows members of
5 the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or
6 educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities,
7 including farming, ranching, historical, cultural,
8 harvest-your-own, or nature-based activities and attractions.
9 An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the
10 participant paid to participate in the activity.

11 (2) "Agritourism professional" means any person who is
12 engaged in the business of providing one or more agritourism
13 activities, whether or not for compensation.

14 (3) "Farm" means the land, buildings, support
15 facilities, machinery, and other appurtenances used in the
16 production of farm or aquaculture products, including land
17 used to display plants, animals, farm products, or farm
18 equipment to the public.

19 (4) "Farm operation" has the same meaning as defined
20 in s. 823.14.

21 570.962 Agritourism participation impact on land
22 classification and on Florida Farm Winery Program
23 certifications; participation requirements.--

24 (1) In order to promote and perpetuate agriculture
25 throughout the state, farm operations are encouraged to engage
26 in agritourism. The conduct of agritourism activity on a bona
27 fide farm or on agricultural lands classified as such pursuant
28 to s. 193.461 shall not limit, restrict, or divest the land of
29 that classification.

30 (2) Nothing in this section affects the certification
31 provisions associated with the Florida Farm Winery Program

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1 created under s. 599.004.

2 (3) No permit, license, approval, or authorization by
3 any governmental entity or jurisdiction is required to engage
4 in agritourism.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
6 law.

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10 And the title is amended as follows:

11 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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13 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to agritourism; creating ss.

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570.96-570.962, F.S., relating to agritourism;

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directing the Department of Agriculture and

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Consumer Services to assist specified entities

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initiatives; providing definitions; specifying

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certain classifications and certifications;

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