



1 responsibility, the department shall focus its efforts on  
2 fostering agritourism in rural and urban communities and  
3 regions encompassing rural communities.

4 (2) As used in this section, the term:

5 (a) "Agritourism activity" means any farm operation or  
6 other activity carried out on a farm or ranch which allows  
7 members of the public, for recreational, entertainment, or  
8 educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities,  
9 including farming, ranching, historic activities, cultural  
10 activities, harvest-your-own activities, or natural activities  
11 and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity  
12 regardless of whether the participant paid to participate in  
13 the activity.

14 (b) "Agritourism professional" means any person who is  
15 engaged in the business of providing one or more agritourism  
16 activities, whether or not for compensation.

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

22 (d) "Farm operation" has the same meaning as in s.  
23 823.14, Florida Statutes.

24 (3) In order to promote and perpetuate agriculture  
25 throughout the state, farm operators and agritourism  
26 professionals are encouraged to engage in agritourism. The  
27 conduct of agritourism activity on a bona fide farm or on  
28 agricultural lands classified as such under s. 193.461,  
29 Florida Statutes, does not limit, restrict, or divest the land  
30 of that designation. A permit, license, approval, or  
31 authorization is not required in order to engage in

1 agritourism. This section does not affect the certification  
2 provisions associated with the Florida Farm Winery Program  
3 created under s. 599.004, Florida Statutes.

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

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8 SENATE SUMMARY

9 Directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
10 Services to assist various organizations with marketing  
11 advice, technical expertise, promotional support, and  
12 product development related to agritourism. Requires the  
13 department to focus its efforts on fostering agritourism  
14 in rural and urban communities. Defines "agritourism  
15 activity," "agritourism professional," "farm," and "farm  
16 operation." Provides for the promotion and perpetuation  
17 of agritourism activities on farm or agricultural lands.  
18 Provides that a permit, license, approval, or  
19 authorization is not required in order to engage in  
20 agritourism. Provides that the act does not affect the  
21 certification provisions associated with the Florida Farm  
22 Winery Program.  
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