



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 in s.  
20 823.14.

21           570.962 Agritourism participation impact on land  
22 classification.--

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

29           (2) Local governments and agricultural representatives  
30 shall meet for the purpose of discussing the benefits of  
31 agritourism to local economies and opportunities for

1 cooperation, conflict resolution, regulatory streamlining, and  
2 incentives.

3           Section 2. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
4 Services shall examine the conditions surrounding the sale and  
5 purchase of horses and shall adopt rules to prevent unfair or  
6 deceptive trade practices. The department's examination shall  
7 include, but need not be limited to, the disclosure of the  
8 legal owner and buyer of the horse and any dual agency to the  
9 buyer and the seller; the disclosure of relevant medical  
10 conditions, defects, or surgeries; the need for a written bill  
11 of sale or similar documentation; and disclosure of  
12 alterations to the appearance or performance of a horse prior  
13 to sale.

14           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
15 law.

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17                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
18                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
19                   CS/SB 2754

20 The committee substitute for committee substitute (CS)  
21 requires local governments and agricultural representatives to  
22 meet for the purposes of discussing specific issues related to  
23 agritourism. It also requires the Department of Agriculture  
24 and Consumer Services to examine the conditions surrounding  
25 the sale and purchase of horses and do adopt rules to prevent  
26 unfair or deceptive trade practices.

27 The CS deletes language preempting local government permitting  
28 with respect to agritourism. It also deletes language relating  
29 to Florida Farm Winery certifications.  
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