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

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 14, between lines 22 and 23,

insert:

Section 10. Consumer Fireworks Task Force.--

(1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The state regulation of consumer fireworks in Florida provides an insufficient definition of consumer fireworks and related products used by consumers;

(b) There is a need for better training and education concerning the safe use of consumer fireworks;

(c) There should be a mechanism to help local governments fund the clean up following the use of consumer fireworks on public property;

(d) Local government regulation of the agricultural uses authorized by s. 791.012 are inconsistent with legitimate agricultural purposes;

(e) There is a need for consumer education relating to

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1 safety standards in the use of consumer fireworks;

2 (f) There is a need for standards concerning tents and  
3 other temporary retail facilities selling consumer fireworks;  
4 and

5 (g) The state would benefit from additional funding  
6 for the training and education of fire officials.

7 (2)(a) There is hereby created the Consumer Fireworks  
8 Task Force within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
9 Services for the purpose of studying the issues concerning the  
10 use of and proper use of consumer fireworks, regulation of  
11 temporary sale facilities for consumer fireworks, and  
12 regulation of the hours and location of the use of consumer  
13 fireworks; studying funding options for fire official training  
14 and education; and studying funding options for clean-up of  
15 expended consumer fireworks products.

16 (b)1. The task force shall consist of seven members  
17 appointed as follows: two members appointed by the President  
18 of the Senate; two members appointed by the Speaker of the  
19 House of Representatives; two members appointed by the  
20 Commissioner of Agriculture; and one member appointed by the  
21 Chief Financial Officer.

22 2. Members shall choose a chair and vice-chair from  
23 its membership.

24 3. Members shall serve without compensation, except  
25 that members are entitled to per diem and travel expenses,  
26 pursuant to s. 112.061, incurred in the performance of their  
27 duties.

28 (3) Staffing for the task force shall be provided by  
29 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

30 (4) The task force shall review and evaluate the  
31 issues identified in paragraph (2)(a) and take public input

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1 and testimony concerning the issues. A report of the  
 2 recommendations and findings of the task force shall submitted  
 3 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 4 Representatives by January 15, 2008, and the task force shall  
 5 be abolished upon the transmittal of the report.

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9 And the title is amended as follows:

10            On page 2, line 6, after the semicolon,

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12 insert:

13            creating the Consumer Fireworks Task Force  
 14            within the department for certain purposes;  
 15            providing legislative findings; providing for  
 16            task force membership and selection of chair  
 17            and vice-chair; specifying serving without  
 18            compensation; providing for per diem and travel  
 19            expenses; requiring the department to staff the  
 20            task force; requiring a report to the  
 21            Legislature by a time certain; providing for  
 22            abolition of the task force;

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