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Senators Dean and Alexander moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line(s) 474

and insert:

Section 2. Section 500.70, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

500.70 Food safety practices relating to tomatoes.--A
tomato farmer, packer, repacker, or handler that implements
applicable good agricultural practices and best-management
practices in accordance with rules adopted by the department is
considered to have acted in good faith, with reasonable care, and
in compliance with state food safety microbial standards or
guidelines unless a violation of, or noncompliance with, such
measures can be shown through inspections.

Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 570.07, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:



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18 570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
19 functions, powers, and duties.--The department shall have and
20 exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

21 (10) To act as adviser to producers and distributors, when
22 requested, and to assist them in the economical and efficient
23 distribution of their agricultural products and to encourage
24 cooperative effort among producers to gain economical and
25 efficient production of agricultural products. The department may
26 adopt by rule, pursuant to s. 120.536(1) and s. 120.54,
27 comprehensive best-management practices for agricultural
28 production and food safety.

29 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.
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31 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Delete line(s) 2-35

34 and insert:

35 An act relating to agriculture; creating s. 570.345, F.S.;
36 establishing the Pest Control Compact; providing for
37 enactment of the compact; requiring the Commissioner of
38 Agriculture to administer the compact; requiring that an
39 application for assistance under the compact be made by
40 the commissioner; providing for crediting of funds to
41 appropriate accounts of a state treasury under certain
42 circumstances; providing findings with respect to the need
43 for all states to cooperate in pest-eradication and
44 control programs; providing definitions; providing for the
45 establishment of the Pest Control Insurance Fund for the
46 purpose of financing pest-control operations under the
47 compact; specifying sources of funds deposited into the



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48 | Pest Control Insurance Fund and any conditions that may be
49 | placed on such funds; providing for the Pest Control
50 | Insurance Fund to be administered by a Governing Board and
51 | Executive Committee; providing for the internal operations
52 | and management of the Governing Board; requiring an annual
53 | report to the Governor and Legislature of each state that
54 | is a party to the compact; providing for the
55 | administration of the compact and the Pest Control
56 | Insurance Fund; providing procedures for applying for an
57 | expenditure from the fund; providing for a determination
58 | with respect to expenditures from the fund and for the
59 | review thereof; authorizing the Governing Board to
60 | establish advisory and technical committees; providing for
61 | an application for assistance from the fund on behalf of a
62 | nonparty state; providing requirements for the fund with
63 | respect to preparing budgets and maintaining financial
64 | assets; prohibiting a pledge of the assets of a state that
65 | is a party to the compact; providing for the compact to
66 | enter into force upon its enactment by five or more
67 | states; providing a procedure for a state to withdraw from
68 | the compact; providing for construction and severability;
69 | creating s. 500.70, F.S.; providing that a tomato farmer,
70 | packer, repacker, or handler that implements certain
71 | practices is considered to be acting in good faith;
72 | amending s. 570.07, F.S.; authorizing the Department of
73 | Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules relating
74 | to best-management practices for agricultural production
75 | and food safety;