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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RCS 4/15/2008

The Committee on Regulated Industries (Haridopolos) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 472.029, Florida Statutes, to read:

472.029 Authorization to enter lands of third parties; conditions. --

(3) BREAKING OR INJURING FENCES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.-

(a) Any person authorized to enter lands pursuant to subsection (1) who willfully and maliciously breaks down, mars, injures, defaces, cuts, or otherwise creates or causes to be created an opening, gap, interruption, or break in any fence, or any part thereof, belonging to or enclosing land not his or her own, or whoever willfully and maliciously causes to be broken



down, marred, injured, defaced, or cut any fence belonging to or enclosing land not his or her own, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who commits a second or subsequent offense under this subsection commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

- (b) If an offender willfully and maliciously breaks or injures a fence as provided in paragraph (a) and the fence or any part thereof is used to contain livestock as defined in s. 588.13(1) at the time of the offense, the offender commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (c) The court may require full compensation to the owner of the damaged fence for any and all damages or losses resulting directly or indirectly from the act or commission pursuant to s. 775.089.
- (d) This subsection applies only to land classified as agricultural pursuant to s. 193.461.
- (e) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict or modify the rights of entry or authority granted to surveyors and mappers or their subordinates under subsection (1). Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to surveyors and mappers; amending s. 472.029, F.S.; prohibiting surveyors and mappers and their subordinates from willfully and maliciously breaking or injuring fences on agricultural land; providing penalties; prohibiting offenders from willfully and maliciously breaking or injuring fences containing livestock; providing penalties; providing for restitution for damages or losses; providing for construction; providing an effective date.