

Bill No. SB 2222



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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/27/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Agriculture (Carlton) recommended the following  
 2 **amendment:**

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between line(s) 37 and 38,  
 6 insert:

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 8 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section  
 9 601.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 601.15 Advertising campaign; methods of conducting; excise  
 11 tax; emergency reserve fund; citrus research.--

12 (3)

13 (e) The commission, upon an affirmative vote of a majority  
 14 of its members and by an order entered by it prior to November  
 15 ~~August~~ 1 of any year, may set the tax rates up to the maximum

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16 rates specified in this subsection ~~if the commission determines~~  
 17 ~~that the specified tax rate will result in collection of funds,~~  
 18 ~~during the ensuing citrus season, which exceed projected needs,~~  
 19 ~~including all legal obligations.~~ The tax rate shall apply only  
 20 to the citrus season which began on August 1 of the same  
 21 calendar year immediately follows entry of the order setting the  
 22 ~~rate~~. Such tax rate may be applied by variety and on the basis  
 23 of whether the fruit enters the primary channel of trade for use  
 24 in fresh or processed form. If the commission cannot agree on a  
 25 box tax rate, the tax rate for the previous year shall remain in  
 26 effect until the commission approves a new rate.

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28 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 On line 6, after the semicolon,  
 31 insert:

32 amending s. 601.15, F.S.; revising the deadline by which  
 33 the Florida Citrus Commission may set the annual citrus  
 34 excise tax rate; deleting a provision requiring the  
 35 commission to consider certain projected collection of  
 36 taxes in setting the rate; conforming provisions relating  
 37 to the season upon which the tax rate applies;