By the Committee on Agriculture

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a review of the Department of Citrus under the Florida Government Accountability Act; reenacting ss. 20.29, 601.04, and 601.05, F.S., relating to the Department of Citrus and the Florida Citrus Commission; repealing s. 601.154, F.S., relating to the Citrus Stabilization Act of Florida; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, ss. 11.901-11.920, Florida Statutes, the Florida Government Accountability Act, subjects the Department of Citrus and its respective advisory committees to a sunset review process in order to determine whether the agency should be retained, modified, or abolished, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Citrus produced a report providing specific information, as enumerated in s. 11.906, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the report, the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee and committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives assigned to act as sunset review committees reviewed the report and requested studies by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, and

WHEREAS, based on the department's report, studies of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, and public input, the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee and legislative sunset review committees made recommendations on the abolition, continuation, or reorganization of the Department of Citrus and its advisory committees; on the need for the functions performed by the

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agency and its advisory committees; and on the consolidation, transfer, or reorganization of programs within the Department of Citrus, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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- Section 1. <u>Sections 20.29, 601.04, and 601.05, Florida</u>
 Statutes, are reenacted.
- Section 2. <u>Section 601.154, Florida Statutes, is repealed.</u>

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

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