

By the Committee on Agriculture

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to a review of the Department of  
3           Citrus under the Florida Government Accountability  
4           Act; reenacting ss. 20.29, 601.04, and 601.05, F.S.,  
5           relating to the Department of Citrus and the Florida  
6           Citrus Commission; repealing s. 601.154, F.S.,  
7           relating to the Citrus Stabilization Act of Florida;  
8           providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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30 and on the consolidation, transfer, or reorganization of  
31 programs within the Department of Citrus, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 Section 1. Sections 20.29, 601.04, and 601.05, Florida  
36 Statutes, are reenacted.

37 Section 2. Section 601.154, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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