	HB 1477 2011
1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to trespass; amending s. 810.09, F.S.;
3	including trespass on certain property of railway
4	companies and mining companies within the offense of
5	trespass on property other than a structure or conveyance;
6	providing criminal penalties; amending s. 810.011, F.S.;
7	revising the definition of the term "cultivated land" for
8	purposes of provisions relating to trespass; providing an
9	effective date.
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11	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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13	Section 1. Section 810.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to
14	read:
15	810.09 Trespass on property other than structure or
16	conveyance
17	(1)(a) A person who, without being authorized, licensed,
18	or invited, willfully enters upon or remains in any property
19	other than a structure or conveyance:
20	1. As to which notice against entering or remaining is
21	given, either by actual communication to the offender or by
22	posting, fencing, or cultivation as described in s. 810.011; or
23	2. If the property is the unenclosed curtilage of a
24	dwelling and the offender enters or remains with the intent to
25	commit an offense thereon, other than the offense of trespass $\underline{;}_{\overline{ au}}$
26	3. If the property is either readily recognizable to a
27	reasonable person as the property of a railroad or railway
28	company or is identified by conspicuous fencing or signs
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29 indicating that the property is owned or leased by a railroad or 30 railway company; or 31 4. If the property is either readily recognizable to a 32 reasonable person as the property of a mining company or is 33 identified by conspicuous fencing or signs indicating that the 34 property is owned or leased by a mining company; 35 36 commits the offense of trespass on property other than a 37 structure or conveyance. As used in this section, the term "unenclosed 38 (b) 39 curtilage" means the unenclosed land or grounds, and any outbuildings, that are directly and intimately adjacent to and 40 41 connected with the dwelling and necessary, convenient, and 42 habitually used in connection with that dwelling. 43 (2) (a) Except as provided in this subsection, trespass on 44 property other than a structure or conveyance is a misdemeanor 45 of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 46 47 (b) If the offender defies an order to leave, personally communicated to the offender by the owner of the premises or by 48 49 an authorized person, or if the offender willfully opens any 50 door, fence, or gate or does any act that exposes animals, 51 crops, or other property to waste, destruction, or freedom; 52 unlawfully dumps litter on property; or trespasses on property 53 other than a structure or conveyance, the offender commits a 54 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 55 56 If the offender is armed with a firearm or other (C) Page 2 of 6

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dangerous weapon during the commission of the offense of 57 58 trespass on property other than a structure or conveyance, he or 59 she is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as 60 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. Any owner or 61 person authorized by the owner may, for prosecution purposes, 62 take into custody and detain, in a reasonable manner, for a reasonable length of time, any person when he or she reasonably 63 64 believes that a violation of this paragraph has been or is being 65 committed, and that the person to be taken into custody and detained has committed or is committing the violation. If a 66 person is taken into custody, a law enforcement officer shall be 67 called as soon as is practicable after the person has been taken 68 into custody. The taking into custody and detention in 69 70 compliance with the requirements of this paragraph does not result in criminal or civil liability for false arrest, false 71 72 imprisonment, or unlawful detention.

(d) The offender commits a felony of the third degree,
punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,
if the property trespassed is a construction site that is:

1. Greater than 1 acre in area and is legally posted and identified in substantially the following manner: "THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND ANYONE WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY."; or

2. One acre or less in area and is identified as such with
a sign that appears prominently, in letters of not less than 2
inches in height, and reads in substantially the following
manner: "THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND ANYONE
WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY." The sign

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85 shall be placed at the location on the property where the 86 permits for construction are located. For construction sites of 87 1 acre or less as provided in this subparagraph, it shall not be 88 necessary to give notice by posting as defined in s. 810.011(5).

(e) The offender commits a felony of the third degree,
punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,
if the property trespassed upon is commercial horticulture
property and the property is legally posted and identified in
substantially the following manner: "THIS AREA IS DESIGNATED
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR HORTICULTURE PRODUCTS, AND ANYONE WHO
TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY."

96 (f) The offender commits a felony of the third degree,
97 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,
98 if the property trespassed upon is an agricultural site for
99 testing or research purposes that is legally posted and
100 identified in substantially the following manner: "THIS AREA IS
101 A DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL SITE FOR TESTING OR RESEARCH PURPOSES,
102 AND ANYONE WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY."

(g) The offender commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the property trespassed upon is a domestic violence center certified under s. 39.905 which is legally posted and identified in substantially the following manner: "THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED RESTRICTED SITE AND ANYONE WHO TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY."

(h) Any person who in taking or attempting to take any
animal described in s. 379.101(19) or (20), or in killing,
attempting to kill, or endangering any animal described in s.

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113 585.01(13) knowingly propels or causes to be propelled any 114 potentially lethal projectile over or across private land 115 without authorization commits trespass, a felony of the third 116 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 117 775.084. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "potentially lethal projectile" includes any projectile launched from any 118 119 firearm, bow, crossbow, or similar tensile device. This section does not apply to any governmental agent or employee acting 120 121 within the scope of his or her official duties.

(i) The offender commits a felony of the third degree,
punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,
if the property trespassed upon is an agricultural chemicals
manufacturing facility that is legally posted and identified in
substantially the following manner: "THIS AREA IS A DESIGNATED
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS MANUFACTURING FACILITY, AND ANYONE WHO
TRESPASSES ON THIS PROPERTY COMMITS A FELONY."

129 (3) As used in this section, the term "authorized person" 130 or "person authorized" means any owner, his or her agent, or a 131 community association authorized as an agent for the owner, or 132 any law enforcement officer whose department has received 133 written authorization from the owner, his or her agent, or a 134 community association authorized as an agent for the owner, to 135 communicate an order to leave the property in the case of a threat to public safety or welfare. 136

137 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 810.011, Florida138 Statutes, is amended to read:

139 140 810.011 Definitions.-As used in this chapter:

(6) "Cultivated land" is that land which either

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141	constitutes a natural pasture or which has been cleared of its
142	natural vegetation and is presently planted with a crop,
143	orchard, grove, pasture, or trees or is fallow land as part of a
144	crop rotation.
145	Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

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