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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to forest development; repealing chapter
 3 591, F.S., relating to the establishment and management of
 4 community forests by political subdivisions and school
 5 districts, the appointment of forestry committees, the use
 6 of revenues from such forests, and the sale of such
 7 forests; amending ss. 253.431, 570.548, and 604.15, F.S.,
 8 to conform; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Chapter 591, Florida Statutes, consisting of
 13 sections 591.15, 591.16, 591.17, 591.18, 591.19, 591.20, 591.21,
 14 591.22, 591.23, 591.24, 591.25, and 591.26, is repealed.

15 Section 2. Section 253.431, Florida Statutes, is amended
 16 to read:

17 253.431 Agents may act on behalf of board of trustees.—The
 18 Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund may, by
 19 resolution duly recorded in the records of said board, authorize
 20 or employ agents or employees to act in its behalf in the
 21 execution and delivery of deeds of conveyance, for the purpose
 22 of carrying into effect any exchange or contract or agreement
 23 therefor made by said board under or pursuant to the power
 24 vested in said board by this chapter, by virtue of the state's
 25 equity in lands under chapter 197, pursuant to conveyances by
 26 authority of s. 288.14 or chapter 270, by authority of ~~s. 591.19~~
 27 ~~or~~ s. 285.14, and by such agents or employees issue disclaimers,
 28 releases of oil and mineral rights, quitclaim deeds, releases of

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29 any and all reservations of whatever kind in the lands of the
 30 state, and such other documents as may be authorized by the
 31 board to release or convey the state's interests. Any deed
 32 executed by said agents or employees shall fully convey to and
 33 vest in the purchaser or grantee the property so conveyed.

34 Section 3. Section 570.548, Florida Statutes, is amended
 35 to read:

36 570.548 Division of Forestry; powers and duties.—The
 37 duties of the Division of Forestry include, but are not limited
 38 to, administering and enforcing those powers and
 39 responsibilities of the division prescribed in chapters 589 and
 40 590, ~~and 591~~ and the rules adopted pursuant thereto and in other
 41 forest fire, forest protection, and forest management laws of
 42 this state.

43 Section 4. Subsections (5) through (10) of section 604.15,
 44 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsection (6) through (11),
 45 respectively, present subsection (1) is amended, and a new
 46 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

47 604.15 Dealers in agricultural products; definitions.—For
 48 the purpose of ss. 604.15-604.34, the following words and terms,
 49 when used, shall be construed to mean:

50 (1) "Agricultural products" means the natural products of
 51 the farm, nursery, grove, orchard, vineyard, garden, and apiary
 52 (raw or manufactured); sod; tropical foliage; horticulture; hay;
 53 livestock; milk and milk products; poultry and poultry products;
 54 the fruit of the saw palmetto (meaning the fruit of the *Serenoa*
 55 *repens*); limes (meaning the fruit *Citrus aurantifolia*, variety
 56 Persian, Tahiti, Bearss, or Florida Key limes); and any other

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57 | nonexempt agricultural products produced in the state, except
58 | tobacco, sugarcane, timber and timber byproducts, forest
59 | products ~~as defined in s. 591.17~~, and citrus other than limes.

60 | (5) "Forest product" means any product produced from
61 | trees.

62 | Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.