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1  
2 An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and  
3 Consumer Services; amending s. 20.14, F.S.;  
4 establishing the Division of Food, Nutrition, and  
5 Wellness within the department; amending s. 253.002,  
6 F.S.; requiring the department to perform certain  
7 staff duties and functions for the Board of Trustees  
8 of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund related to  
9 conservation easements; amending s. 379.2523, F.S.;  
10 deleting references to the Aquaculture Interagency  
11 Coordinating Council to conform to the repeal by the  
12 act of provisions creating the council; amending s.  
13 379.2524, F.S.; deleting provisions that prohibit  
14 compensation and authorize per diem and travel  
15 expenses for members of the Sturgeon Production  
16 Working Group; amending s. 388.161, F.S.; revising the  
17 substances that mosquito control districts are  
18 authorized to use for controlling mosquito breeding;  
19 amending s. 388.201, F.S.; revising the date by which  
20 mosquito control districts must submit their certified  
21 budgets for approval by the department; amending s.  
22 388.323, F.S.; revising procedures for a county's or  
23 mosquito control district's disposal of certain  
24 surplus equipment; repealing s. 388.42, F.S., relating  
25 to the John A. Mulrennan, Sr., Arthropod Research  
26 Laboratory; amending s. 388.46, F.S.; revising the  
27 membership and responsibilities of the Florida  
28 Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control; revising the

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29 | duties of the council's Subcommittee on Managed  
 30 | Marshes; amending s. 493.6104, F.S.; deleting  
 31 | provisions that prohibit compensation and authorize  
 32 | per diem and travel expenses for members of the  
 33 | Private Investigation, Recovery, and Security Advisory  
 34 | Council; amending s. 500.09, F.S.; authorizing the  
 35 | department to adopt rules incorporating by reference  
 36 | the federal model Food Code; amending ss. 500.147 and  
 37 | 502.014, F.S.; deleting provisions for a food safety  
 38 | pilot program and a permitting program for persons who  
 39 | test milk or milk products; amending s. 502.053, F.S.;  
 40 | deleting requirements for milkfat tester licenses;  
 41 | amending s. 570.0705, F.S.; prohibiting members of  
 42 | certain advisory bodies from receiving per diem or  
 43 | travel expenses; deleting a provision that prohibits  
 44 | members from receiving compensation for their  
 45 | services; repealing s. 570.071, F.S., relating to the  
 46 | Florida Agricultural Exposition and the receipt and  
 47 | expenditure of funds for the exposition; amending s.  
 48 | 570.074, F.S.; renaming and revising the policy  
 49 | jurisdiction of the department's Office of Energy and  
 50 | Water; amending s. 570.18, F.S.; conforming cross-  
 51 | references; repealing s. 570.29, F.S., relating to  
 52 | divisions of the Department of Agriculture and  
 53 | Consumer Services; repealing s. 570.34, F.S., relating  
 54 | to the Plant Industry Technical Council; creating s.  
 55 | 570.451, F.S.; creating the Agricultural Feed, Seed,  
 56 | and Fertilizer Advisory Council; providing for the

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57 | council's powers and duties and the appointment of  
58 | council members; amending ss. 570.53 and 570.54, F.S.;  
59 | conforming cross-references; amending s. 573.112,  
60 | F.S.; providing that members of the Citrus Research  
61 | and Development Foundation's board of directors are  
62 | entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel  
63 | expenses; amending s. 573.118, F.S.; revising  
64 | requirements for the accounting and review of  
65 | collections and expenditures from agricultural  
66 | commodity marketing order assessments; deleting  
67 | requirements for the audit of such accounts; amending  
68 | s. 576.045, F.S.; revising the expiration dates of  
69 | certain provisions regulating fertilizers containing  
70 | nitrogen or phosphorous; amending s. 576.071, F.S.;  
71 | deleting a reference to the Fertilizer Technical  
72 | Council to conform to the repeal by the act of  
73 | provisions creating the council; repealing ss. 576.091  
74 | and 578.30, F.S., relating to the Fertilizer Technical  
75 | Council and Seed Technical Council; amending s.  
76 | 580.041, F.S.; revising the reporting requirements and  
77 | penalties for violations by distributors of commercial  
78 | feed; amending s. 580.131, F.S.; revising requirements  
79 | for the assessment of penalties and enforcement of  
80 | violations by manufacturers and distributors of  
81 | commercial feed or feedstuff; authorizing the  
82 | department to assess penalties; requiring registered  
83 | distributors of commercial feed to pay such penalties  
84 | to consumers within a specified period; imposing

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85 additional penalties for nonpayment; providing for the  
86 deposit and use of certain funds paid to the  
87 department; repealing s. 580.151, F.S., relating to  
88 the Commercial Feed Technical Council; amending s.  
89 581.011, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s.  
90 581.145, F.S.; revising requirements for the issuance  
91 of permits to aquaculture producers for the transport  
92 and sale of water hyacinths to other states and  
93 countries; amending s. 582.06, F.S.; revising  
94 requirements for the composition and appointment of  
95 members of the Soil and Water Conservation Council and  
96 the reimbursement of members for per diem and travel  
97 expenses; amending ss. 582.20 and 582.29, F.S.;  
98 revising the geographic jurisdiction of soil and water  
99 conservation districts to include certain territory  
100 outside of the districts' boundaries; amending s.  
101 582.30, F.S.; revising requirements and procedures for  
102 the dissolution or discontinuance of soil and water  
103 conservation districts; revising notice requirements  
104 for such proposed dissolution or discontinuance;  
105 amending s. 582.31, F.S.; revising requirements for  
106 payment of the proceeds from the sale of property of a  
107 dissolving soil and water conservation district to the  
108 State Treasury; amending s. 582.32, F.S.; providing  
109 for the transfer of property and assumption of  
110 indebtedness of a soil and water conservation district  
111 upon its dissolution; deleting provisions relating to  
112 the continuation of contracts with dissolved soil and

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113 water conservation districts; repealing s. 585.155,  
114 F.S., relating to the inspection and vaccination of  
115 cattle for brucellosis; repealing s. 589.03, F.S.,  
116 relating to the compensation and reimbursement for per  
117 diem and travel expenses of members of the Florida  
118 Forestry Council; amending s. 589.19, F.S.; renaming  
119 the "Wounded Warrior Special Hunt Areas" of the state  
120 forests; conforming obsolete references to the former  
121 Division of Forestry; amending s. 589.277, F.S.;  
122 revising requirements for the deposit of contributions  
123 for tree planting programs; conforming obsolete  
124 references to the former Division of Forestry;  
125 amending s. 590.02, F.S.; specifying that state and  
126 local government agencies other than the Florida  
127 Forest Service may not enforce regulations of  
128 broadcast burning or agricultural and silvicultural  
129 pile burning except under certain circumstances;  
130 conforming obsolete references to the former Division  
131 of Forestry; amending ss. 597.0021 and 597.003, F.S.;  
132 deleting references to the Aquaculture Interagency  
133 Coordinating Council to conform to the repeal by the  
134 act of provisions creating the council; amending s.  
135 597.004, F.S.; authorizing the waiver of aquaculture  
136 registration fees for certain schools; amending s.  
137 597.005, F.S.; revising the composition of the  
138 Aquaculture Review Council to conform to the repeal by  
139 the act of provisions creating the Aquaculture  
140 Interagency Coordinating Council; revising the

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141 legislative committees to whom the Aquaculture Review  
 142 Council must provide analyses of unresolved industry  
 143 issues; repealing s. 597.006, F.S., relating to the  
 144 Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council; amending  
 145 s. 604.21, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of  
 146 Agriculture or a designee to act as trustee on certain  
 147 bonds or securities and authorizing the commissioner  
 148 to enter into agreements with the United States  
 149 Department of Agriculture for purposes of a specified  
 150 federal act; amending s. 616.252, F.S.; providing for  
 151 the reimbursement of members of the Florida State Fair  
 152 Authority for per diem and travel expenses; providing  
 153 an effective date.

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

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157 Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (2) of  
 158 section 20.14, Florida Statutes, to read:

159 20.14 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.—  
 160 There is created a Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
 161 Services.

162 (2) The following divisions of the Department of  
 163 Agriculture and Consumer Services are established:

164 (m) Food, Nutrition, and Wellness.

165 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 253.002, Florida  
 166 Statutes, is amended to read:

167 253.002 Department of Environmental Protection, water  
 168 management districts, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,

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169 and Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; duties with  
170 respect to state lands.—

171 (1) The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
172 perform all staff duties and functions related to the  
173 acquisition, administration, and disposition of state lands,  
174 title to which is or will be vested in the Board of Trustees of  
175 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. However, upon the effective  
176 date of rules adopted pursuant to s. 373.427, a water management  
177 district created under s. 373.069 shall perform the staff duties  
178 and functions related to the review of any application for  
179 authorization to use board of trustees-owned submerged lands  
180 necessary for an activity regulated under part IV of chapter 373  
181 for which the water management district has permitting  
182 responsibility as set forth in an operating agreement adopted  
183 pursuant to s. 373.046(4). ~~and~~ The Department of Agriculture  
184 and Consumer Services shall perform the staff duties and  
185 functions related to the review of applications and compliance  
186 with conditions for use of board of trustees-owned submerged  
187 lands under authorizations or leases issued pursuant to ss.  
188 253.67-253.75 and 597.010 and the acquisition, administration,  
189 and disposition of conservation easements pursuant to s. 570.71.

190 Unless expressly prohibited by law, the board of trustees may  
191 delegate to the department any statutory duty or obligation  
192 relating to the acquisition, administration, or disposition of  
193 lands, title to which is or will be vested in the board of  
194 trustees. The board of trustees may also delegate to any water  
195 management district created under s. 373.069 the authority to  
196 take final agency action, without any action on behalf of the

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197 board, on applications for authorization to use board of  
198 trustees-owned submerged lands for any activity regulated under  
199 part IV of chapter 373 for which the water management district  
200 has permitting responsibility as set forth in an operating  
201 agreement adopted pursuant to s. 373.046(4). This water  
202 management district responsibility under this subsection shall  
203 be subject to the department's general supervisory authority  
204 pursuant to s. 373.026(7). The board of trustees may also  
205 delegate to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
206 the authority to take final agency action on behalf of the board  
207 on applications to use board of trustees-owned submerged lands  
208 for any activity for which that department has responsibility  
209 pursuant to ss. 253.67-253.75, 369.25, 369.251, and 597.010.  
210 However, the board of trustees shall retain the authority to  
211 take final agency action on establishing any areas for leasing,  
212 new leases, expanding existing lease areas, or changing the type  
213 of lease activity in existing leases. Upon issuance of an  
214 aquaculture lease or other real property transaction relating to  
215 aquaculture, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
216 must send a copy of the document and the accompanying survey to  
217 the Department of Environmental Protection. The board of  
218 trustees may also delegate to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
219 Commission the authority to take final agency action, without  
220 any action on behalf of the board, on applications for  
221 authorization to use board of trustees-owned submerged lands for  
222 any activity regulated under ss. 369.20 and 369.22.



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223 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and paragraph  
224 (b) of subsection (6) of section 379.2523, Florida Statutes, are  
225 amended to read:

226 379.2523 Aquaculture definitions; marine aquaculture  
227 products, producers, and facilities.—

228 (5) The department shall:

229 (a) Coordinate with the Aquaculture Review Council, ~~the~~  
230 ~~Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council,~~ and the Department  
231 of Agriculture and Consumer Services when developing criteria  
232 for aquaculture general permits.

233 (6) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
234 encourage the development of aquaculture in the state through  
235 the following:

236 (b) Facilitating aquaculture research on life histories,  
237 stock enhancement, and alternative species, and providing  
238 research results that would assist in the evaluation,  
239 development, and commercial production of candidate species for  
240 aquaculture, including:

241 1. Providing eggs, larvae, fry, and fingerlings to  
242 aquaculturists when excess cultured stocks are available from  
243 the commission's facilities and the culture activities are  
244 consistent with the commission's stock enhancement projects.  
245 Such stocks may be obtained by reimbursing the commission for  
246 the cost of production on a per-unit basis. Revenues resulting  
247 from the sale of stocks shall be deposited into the trust fund  
248 used to support the production of such stocks.

249 2. Conducting research programs to evaluate candidate  
250 species when funding and staff are available.

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251           3. Encouraging the private production of marine fish and  
252 shellfish stocks for the purpose of providing such stocks for  
253 statewide stock enhancement programs. When such stocks become  
254 available, the commission shall reduce or eliminate duplicative  
255 production practices that would result in direct competition  
256 with private commercial producers.

257           4. Developing a working group, in cooperation with the  
258 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the  
259 Aquaculture Review Council, ~~and the Aquaculture Interagency~~  
260 ~~Coordinating Council,~~ to plan and facilitate the development of  
261 private marine fish and nonfish hatcheries and to encourage  
262 private/public partnerships to promote the production of marine  
263 aquaculture products.

264           Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
265 379.2524, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

266           379.2524 Commercial production of sturgeon.—

267           (3) MEETINGS; PROCEDURES; RECORDS.—The working group shall  
268 meet at least twice a year and elect, by a quorum, a chair and  
269 vice chair.

270           (c) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the group  
271 members. ~~Members of the group shall not receive compensation,~~  
272 ~~but shall be entitled to per diem and travel expenses, including~~  
273 ~~attendance at meetings, as allowed public officers and employees~~  
274 ~~pursuant to s. 112.061.~~

275           Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 388.161, Florida  
276 Statutes, is amended to read:

277           388.161 District boards of commissioners; powers and  
278 duties.—

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279 (1) The board of commissioners may do any and all things  
280 necessary for the control and elimination of all species of  
281 mosquitoes and other arthropods of public health importance and  
282 the board of commissioners is specifically authorized to provide  
283 for the construction and maintenance of canals, ditches, drains,  
284 dikes, fills, and other necessary works and to install and  
285 maintain pumps, excavators, and other machinery and equipment,  
286 to use pesticides registered ~~oil, larvicide paris green, or any~~  
287 ~~other chemicals approved~~ by the department but only in such  
288 quantities as may be necessary to control mosquito breeding and  
289 not be detrimental to fish life.

290 Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 388.201, Florida  
291 Statutes, is amended to read:

292 388.201 District budgets; hearing.—

293 (4) The governing board:

294 (a) Shall consider ~~give consideration to~~ objections filed  
295 against adoption of the tentative detailed work plan budget and  
296 in its discretion may amend, modify, or change such budget; and

297 (b) Shall by September 30 ~~15 following~~ adopt and execute  
298 on a form furnished by the department a certified budget for the  
299 district which shall be the operating and fiscal guide for the  
300 district. Certified copies of this budget shall be submitted by  
301 September 30 ~~15~~ to the department for approval.

302 Section 7. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 388.323,  
303 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

304 388.323 Disposal of surplus property.—Surplus property  
305 shall be disposed of according to the provisions set forth in s.  
306 274.05 with the following exceptions:

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307 (1) Serviceable equipment no longer needed by a county or  
308 district shall first be offered to any or all other counties or  
309 districts engaged in arthropod control at a price established by  
310 the board of commissioners owning the equipment. ~~If no~~  
311 ~~acceptable offer is received within a reasonable time, the~~  
312 ~~equipment shall be offered to such other governmental units or~~  
313 ~~private nonprofit agencies as provided in s. 274.05.~~

314 (2) The alternative procedure for disposal of surplus  
315 property, as prescribed in s. 274.06, shall be followed if it is  
316 ~~has been~~ determined that no other county ~~or~~ district engaged in  
317 arthropod control, ~~governmental unit, or private nonprofit~~  
318 ~~agency~~ has need for the equipment.

319 Section 8. Section 388.42, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

320 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 388.46, Florida  
321 Statutes, is amended to read:

322 388.46 Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control;  
323 establishment; membership; organization; responsibilities.—

324 (2) MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—

325 (a) Membership.—The Florida Coordinating Council on  
326 Mosquito Control shall be comprised of the following  
327 representatives or their authorized designees:

328 1. The Secretary of Environmental Protection. and

329 2. The State Surgeon General. †

330 ~~3.2.~~ The executive director of the Fish and Wildlife  
331 Conservation Commission. †

332 ~~4.3.~~ The state epidemiologist. ;

333 ~~5.4.~~ The Commissioner of Agriculture. † ~~and~~

334 6. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust

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335 Fund.  
 336 ~~7.5.~~ Representatives from:  
 337 a. The University of Florida, Institute of Food and  
 338 Agricultural Sciences, Florida Medical Entomological Research  
 339 Laboratory.†  
 340 ~~b. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University;~~  
 341 ~~b.e.~~ The United States Environmental Protection Agency.†  
 342 ~~c.d.~~ The United States Department of Agriculture, Insects  
 343 Affecting Man Laboratory.†  
 344 ~~d.e.~~ The United States Fish and Wildlife Service.†  
 345 ~~8.f.~~ Two mosquito control directors to be nominated by the  
 346 Florida Mosquito Control Association, two representatives of  
 347 Florida environmental groups, and two private citizens who are  
 348 property owners whose lands are regularly subject to mosquito  
 349 control operations, to be appointed to 4-year terms by the  
 350 Commissioner of Agriculture;~~and~~  
 351 ~~g. The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust~~  
 352 ~~Fund.~~  
 353 (b) Organization.—The council shall be chaired by the  
 354 Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's authorized  
 355 designee. A majority of the membership of the council shall  
 356 constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The chair shall  
 357 be responsible for recording and distributing to the members a  
 358 summary of the proceedings of all council meetings. The council  
 359 shall meet at least three times each year, or as needed. The  
 360 council may designate subcommittees from time to time to assist  
 361 in carrying out its responsibilities, provided that the  
 362 Subcommittee on Managed Marshes shall be the first subcommittee

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363 appointed by the council. The subcommittee shall continue to  
364 provide technical assistance and guidance on saltmarsh mosquito  
365 ~~impoundment~~ management plans and ~~develop and review~~ research  
366 proposals, taking into account the mosquito control source  
367 reduction implications and natural resource interests in these  
368 habitats ~~for mosquito source reduction techniques.~~

369 (c) Responsibilities.—The council shall:

370 1. Develop and implement guidelines to assist the  
371 department in resolving disputes arising over the control of  
372 arthropods on publicly owned lands.

373 ~~2. Identify and recommend to Florida Agricultural and~~  
374 ~~Mechanical University research priorities for arthropod control~~  
375 ~~practices and technologies.~~

376 ~~2.3.~~ Develop and recommend to the department a request for  
377 proposal process for arthropod control research.

378 ~~3.4.~~ Identify potential funding sources for research or  
379 implementation projects and evaluate and prioritize proposals  
380 upon request by the funding source.

381 ~~4.5.~~ Prepare and present reports, as needed, on arthropod  
382 control activities in the state to the Pesticide Review Council,  
383 ~~the Florida Coastal Management Program Interagency Management~~  
384 ~~Committee,~~ and other governmental organizations, as appropriate.

385 Section 10. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 493.6104,  
386 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) and (7),  
387 respectively, and present subsection (6) of that section is  
388 amended to read:

389 493.6104 Advisory council.—

390 ~~(6) Council members shall serve without pay; however,~~

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391 ~~state per diem and travel allowances may be claimed for~~  
392 ~~attendance at officially called meetings as provided by s.~~  
393 ~~112.061.~~

394 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 500.09, Florida  
395 Statutes, is amended to read:

396 500.09 Rulemaking; analytical work.—

397 (3) The department may adopt rules necessary for the  
398 efficient enforcement of this chapter. Such rules must be  
399 consistent with those adopted under the federal act in regard to  
400 food and, to this end, may adopt by reference those rules and  
401 the current edition of the model Food Code issued by the Food  
402 and Drug Administration and Public Health Service of the United  
403 States Department of Health and Human Services, when applicable  
404 and practicable.

405 Section 12. Subsection (6) of section 500.147, Florida  
406 Statutes, is amended to read:

407 500.147 Inspection of food establishments and vehicles;  
408 ~~food safety pilot program.~~—

409 ~~(6) The department is authorized to initiate a food safety~~  
410 ~~pilot program establishing a special, documented food inspection~~  
411 ~~program based on sound science principles of the Hazard Analysis~~  
412 ~~Critical Control Point (HACCP) system and involving cooperative~~  
413 ~~compliance efforts of both the department and the food~~  
414 ~~establishment to assure consumers a safe, wholesome, and~~  
415 ~~properly labeled food supply. A food establishment shall be~~  
416 ~~eligible for such a pilot program only if program criteria are~~  
417 ~~met. Criteria used to establish this special program include,~~  
418 ~~but are not limited to, the following:~~

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419 ~~(a) A good inspection history over a specified time~~  
420 ~~period.~~

421 ~~(b) Certified food manager activities demonstrated to be~~  
422 ~~effective in assessing food safety practices and correcting~~  
423 ~~deficiencies at the food establishment.~~

424 ~~(c) An active food training program in place for~~  
425 ~~employees.~~

426 ~~(d) "Self inspection" records of the food establishment~~  
427 ~~made available for review by the department.~~

428 ~~(e) Written sanitation standard operation procedures in~~  
429 ~~place and the food establishment's verification records made~~  
430 ~~available for review by the department.~~

431 ~~(f) Freezer/refrigeration units and hot-cold temperature~~  
432 ~~logs or recording charts made available for review by the~~  
433 ~~department.~~

434 ~~(g) Records of corrective action to resolve food safety~~  
435 ~~deficiencies made available for review by the department.~~

436 Section 13. Subsections (4) through (7) of section  
437 502.014, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3)  
438 through (6), respectively, and present subsection (3) of that  
439 section is amended to read:

440 502.014 Powers and duties.—

441 ~~(3) The department shall manage a program to issue permits~~  
442 ~~to persons who test milk or milk products for milkfat content by~~  
443 ~~weight, volume, chemical, electronic, or other means when the~~  
444 ~~result of such test is used as a basis for payment for the milk~~  
445 ~~or milk products.~~



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446 Section 14. Subsections (1) and (2) and paragraphs (a) and  
447 (e) of subsection (3) of section 502.053, Florida Statutes, are  
448 amended to read:

449 502.053 Permits and ~~licenses~~; fees; requirements;  
450 exemptions; temporary permits.—

451 (1) PERMITS ~~AND LICENSES~~.—

452 (a) Each Grade "A" milk plant, whether located in the  
453 state or outside the state, and each manufacturing milk plant,  
454 milk producer, milk hauler, milk hauling service, washing  
455 station operator, milk plant operator, milk distributor, single-  
456 service-container manufacturer, receiving station, and transfer  
457 station in the state shall apply to the department for a permit  
458 to operate. The application shall be on forms developed by the  
459 department.

460 (b) Each frozen dessert plant, whether located in the  
461 state or outside the state, that manufactures frozen desserts or  
462 other products defined in this chapter and offers these products  
463 for sale in this state must apply to the department for a permit  
464 to operate. The application must be submitted on forms  
465 prescribed by the department. All frozen dessert permits expire  
466 on June 30 of each year.

467 ~~(c) Any person who tests milk or milk products for milkfat~~  
468 ~~content by weight, volume, chemical, electronic, or other method~~  
469 ~~when the result of such test is used as a basis for payment for~~  
470 ~~the milk or milk products must apply to the department for a~~  
471 ~~license. To qualify for a license, the applicant must~~  
472 ~~demonstrate a sufficiency of knowledge, ability, and equipment~~  
473 ~~to adequately perform milkfat tests. The license shall be issued~~

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474 ~~for a period of 2 years after the date of first issuance upon~~  
475 ~~application to the department on forms prescribed by the~~  
476 ~~department.~~

477 (c) ~~(d)~~ Permits ~~and licenses~~ are nontransferable between  
478 persons or locations and are subject to suspension or revocation  
479 as provided in this chapter.

480 (2) FEES.—

481 ~~(a)~~ The initial application for a frozen dessert plant  
482 permit must be accompanied by a permit fee of \$200. The annual  
483 permit renewal fee is \$100.

484 ~~(b)~~ ~~The department shall charge each applicant for a~~  
485 ~~milkfat tester's license a fee not to exceed \$125.~~

486 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—

487 (a) To obtain a ~~frozen dessert plant permit or milkfat~~  
488 ~~tester's license~~, an applicant must satisfy all requirements  
489 that are defined by the department in rule and must agree to  
490 comply with the applicable provisions of this chapter and rules  
491 adopted under this chapter. The department shall mail a copy of  
492 the permit ~~or license~~ to the applicant to signify that  
493 administrative requirements have been met.

494 ~~(e)~~ ~~Each licensed milkfat tester shall keep records of~~  
495 ~~milkfat tests conducted by him or her for a period of 1 year,~~  
496 ~~and such records must be available for inspection by the~~  
497 ~~department at all reasonable hours.~~

498 Section 15. Subsection (9) of section 570.0705, Florida  
499 Statutes, is amended to read:

500 570.0705 Advisory committees.—From time to time the  
501 commissioner may appoint any advisory committee to assist the

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502 department with its duties and responsibilities.

503 (9) Notwithstanding s. 20.052(4)(d), members of each  
504 advisory committee, council, board, working group, task force,  
505 or other advisory body created by law within the department or  
506 created by the department under this section may not be  
507 reimbursed for per diem or travel expenses as provided in s.  
508 112.061 shall receive no compensation for their services.

509 Section 16. Section 570.071, Florida Statutes, is  
510 repealed.

511 Section 17. Section 570.074, Florida Statutes, is amended  
512 to read:

513 570.074 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
514 ~~energy and water policy.~~—The commissioner may create an Office  
515 of Agricultural Energy and Water Policy under the supervision of  
516 a senior manager exempt under s. 110.205 in the Senior  
517 Management Service. The commissioner may designate the bureaus  
518 and positions in the various organizational divisions of the  
519 department that report to this office relating to any matter  
520 over which the department has jurisdiction in matters relating  
521 to ~~energy and water policy~~ affecting agriculture, application of  
522 such policies, and coordination of such matters with state and  
523 federal agencies.

524 Section 18. Section 570.18, Florida Statutes, is amended  
525 to read:

526 570.18 Organization of departmental work.—In the  
527 assignment of functions to the divisions of the department  
528 created in s. 20.14 ~~570.29~~, the department shall retain within  
529 the Division of Administration, in addition to executive

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530 functions, those powers and duties enumerated in s. 570.30. The  
531 department shall organize the work of the other divisions in  
532 such a way as to secure maximum efficiency in the conduct of the  
533 department. The divisions created in s. 20.14 ~~570.29~~ are solely  
534 to make possible the definite placing of responsibility. The  
535 department shall be conducted as a unit in which every employee,  
536 including each division director, is assigned a definite  
537 workload, and there shall exist between division directors a  
538 spirit of cooperative effort to accomplish the work of the  
539 department.

540 Section 19. Section 570.29, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

541 Section 20. Section 570.34, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

542 Section 21. Section 570.451, Florida Statutes, is created  
543 to read:

544 570.451 Agricultural Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer Advisory  
545 Council.—

546 (1) The Agricultural Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer Advisory  
547 Council is created within the department.

548 (2) The council is composed of the following 15 members  
549 appointed by the commissioner:

550 (a) One representative of the department.

551 (b) One representative of the dean for extension of the  
552 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of  
553 Florida.

554 (c) One representative each from the state's beef cattle,  
555 poultry, aquaculture, field crops, citrus, vegetable, and dairy  
556 production industries.

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557 (d) Two representatives each from the state's fertilizer,  
558 seed, and commercial feed industries.

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560 Each member shall be appointed for a term of not to exceed 4  
561 years and shall serve until his or her successor is appointed.

562 (3) (a) A majority of the council members constitutes a  
563 quorum for all purposes, and an act by a majority of such quorum  
564 at any meeting constitutes an official act of the council. The  
565 secretary shall keep a complete record of each meeting, which  
566 must show the names of members present and the actions taken.  
567 Such records must be kept on file with the department.

568 (b) Members of the council shall meet and organize by  
569 electing a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary whose terms  
570 shall be for 2 years each. Council officers may not serve  
571 consecutive terms.

572 (c) The council shall meet at the call of its chair, at  
573 the request of a majority of its members, at the request of the  
574 department, or at such time as an agricultural or environmental  
575 emergency arises, but not less than twice per year.

576 (d) The meetings, powers and duties, procedures, and  
577 recordkeeping of the council shall be in accordance with the  
578 provisions of s. 570.0705 relating to advisory committees  
579 established within the department.

580 (4) The council shall:

581 (a) Receive reports of relevant enforcement activity  
582 conducted by the Division of Agricultural Environmental  
583 Services, including the number of inspections, the number of

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584 administrative actions, the number of complaints received and  
585 investigated, and the dispositions of complaints.

586 (b) Provide advice to the department on the conduct of  
587 relevant enforcement activities.

588 (c) Receive reports on disciplinary actions.

589 (d) Make recommendations to the commissioner for actions  
590 to be taken with respect to the regulation of agricultural feed,  
591 seed, and fertilizer.

592 Section 22. Paragraph (e) of subsection (6) of section  
593 570.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

594 570.53 Division of Marketing and Development; powers and  
595 duties.—The powers and duties of the Division of Marketing and  
596 Development include, but are not limited to:

597 (6)

598 (e) Extending in every practicable way the distribution  
599 and sale of Florida agricultural products throughout the markets  
600 of the world as required of the department by s. ss. 570.07(7),  
601 (8), (10), and (11) ~~and 570.071~~ and chapters 571, 573, and 574.

602 Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 570.54, Florida  
603 Statutes, is amended to read:

604 570.54 Director; duties.—

605 (2) It shall be the duty of the director of this division  
606 to supervise, direct, and coordinate the activities authorized  
607 by ss. 570.07(4), (7), (8), (10), (11), (12), (17), (18), and  
608 (20), ~~570.071~~, 570.21, 534.47-534.53, and 604.15-604.34 and  
609 chapters 504, 571, 573, and 574 and to exercise other powers and  
610 authority as authorized by the department.

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611 Section 24. Subsection (7) of section 573.112, Florida  
612 Statutes, is amended to read:

613 573.112 Advisory council.—

614 (7) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the  
615 Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc., a direct-  
616 support organization of the University of Florida established  
617 pursuant to s. 1004.28, shall serve as the advisory council for  
618 a citrus research marketing order, provide the department with  
619 advice on administering the order, and, in accordance with the  
620 order, conduct citrus research and perform other duties assigned  
621 by the department. Notwithstanding s. 1004.28(3) or any  
622 provision of this section, the foundation's board of directors  
623 shall be composed of 13 members, including 10 citrus growers, 2  
624 representatives of the university's Institute of Food and  
625 Agricultural Sciences, and 1 member appointed by the  
626 Commissioner of Agriculture, who are each entitled to  
627 reimbursement from the foundation for per diem and travel  
628 expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

629 Section 25. Subsection (4) of section 573.118, Florida  
630 Statutes, is amended to read:

631 573.118 Assessment; funds; review of accounts ~~audit~~;  
632 loans.—

633 (4) In the event of levying and collecting of assessments,  
634 for each fiscal year in which assessment funds are received by  
635 the department, the department shall maintain records of  
636 collections and expenditures for each marketing order separately  
637 within the state's accounting system. If requested by an  
638 advisory council, department staff shall cause to be made a

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639 | thorough review ~~annual audit~~ of the ~~books and accounts by a~~  
640 | ~~certified public accountant~~, such review ~~audit~~ to be completed  
641 | within 60 days after the request is received ~~end of the fiscal~~  
642 | ~~year~~. The department and all producers and handlers covered by  
643 | the marketing order shall be properly advised of the details of  
644 | the review ~~annual official audit~~ of the account ~~accounts as~~  
645 | ~~shown by the certified public accountant~~ within 30 days after ~~of~~  
646 | the review ~~audit~~.

647 |         Section 26. Subsection (8) of section 576.045, Florida  
648 | Statutes, is amended to read:

649 |             576.045 Nitrogen and phosphorus; findings and intent;  
650 | fees; purpose; best management practices; waiver of liability;  
651 | compliance; rules; exclusions; expiration.-

652 |             (8) EXPIRATION OF PROVISIONS.—Subsections (1), (2), (3),  
653 | (4), and (6) expire on December 31, 2022 ~~2012~~. Subsections (5)  
654 | and (7) expire on December 31, 2027 ~~2017~~.

655 |         Section 27. Section 576.071, Florida Statutes, is amended  
656 | to read:

657 |             576.071 Commercial value.—The commercial value used in  
658 | assessing penalties for any deficiency shall be determined by  
659 | using annualized plant nutrient values contained in one or more  
660 | generally recognized journals ~~recommended by the Fertilizer~~  
661 | ~~Technical Council~~.

662 |         Section 28. Section 576.091, Florida Statutes, is  
663 | repealed.

664 |         Section 29. Section 578.30, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

665 |         Section 30. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsection  
666 | (3) of section 580.041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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667           580.041 Master registration; fee; refusal or cancellation  
668 of registration; reporting.—

669           (1)

670           (c) Registration shall be conditioned on the distributor's  
671 compliance with all provisions of this chapter and rules adopted  
672 under this chapter ~~thereof~~, including:

673           1. Submitting samples of manufactured feed for testing by  
674 laboratories that have been certified by the department or  
675 obtaining an exemption from the certified laboratory testing  
676 requirement, as provided by this chapter and rules thereof.

677           2. Maintaining a bookkeeping system and records necessary  
678 to indicate accurately the type and tonnage of commercial feeds  
679 sold in this state ~~that will allow the department to verify the~~  
680 ~~accuracy of the reported tonnage.~~

681           3. Reporting within 30 days after the end of each quarter,  
682 in the format prescribed by the department, the number of tons  
683 of feed distributed in the state during each of the following  
684 reporting periods: July through September, October through  
685 December, January through March, and April through June.

686           ~~4.3.~~ Allowing the department to verify the accuracy of  
687 reported type and tonnage and to otherwise examine pertinent  
688 records at reasonable times.

689           (3) The department may refuse, suspend, or cancel the  
690 master registration of, or impose one or more of the penalties  
691 provided in s. 580.121, against any distributor or registrant  
692 who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this  
693 chapter.

694           Section 31. Section 580.131, Florida Statutes, is amended

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695 to read:

696 580.131 Penalty payable to consumer.—

697 (1) Any consumer who purchases without notice a commercial  
698 feed or feedstuff that is ~~has been~~ distributed in violation of  
699 this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter shall, in any  
700 legal or administrative action that may be instituted, recover  
701 penalties as follows:

702 (a) ~~(1)~~ If a certified laboratory analysis shows that any  
703 feed bearing a guarantee of 20 percent protein, or less, falls  
704 more than 1 percent protein below the guarantee, or if the  
705 analysis shows that any feed bearing a guarantee of more than 20  
706 percent protein falls more than 2 percent protein below the  
707 guarantee, \$4 per ton for each percent protein deficiency shall  
708 be assessed against the manufacturer or distributor.

709 (b) ~~(2)~~ If a certified laboratory analysis shows that any  
710 feed is deficient in fat by more than 0.5 ~~five-tenths~~ percent  
711 fat, \$4 per ton for each percent fat deficiency shall be  
712 assessed against the manufacturer or distributor.

713 (c) ~~(3)~~ If a certified laboratory analysis shows that any  
714 feed bearing a maximum guarantee of not more than 20 percent  
715 fiber exceeds this guarantee by more than 1 percent fiber, or if  
716 the analysis shows that any feed bearing a maximum guarantee of  
717 more than 20 percent fiber exceeds this guarantee by more than 2  
718 percent fiber, \$4 per ton for each percent fiber excess shall be  
719 assessed against the manufacturer or distributor.

720 (d) ~~(4)~~ If a certified laboratory analysis shows that any  
721 commercial feed is deficient or excessive in the required drug,  
722 mineral, or nutritive guarantees other than protein, fat, or

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723 fiber, a penalty of \$4 per ton shall be assessed against the  
724 manufacturer or distributor for each deficiency or excessive  
725 level found.

726 (e) ~~(5)~~ If a certified laboratory analysis shows that any  
727 commercial feed or feedstuff is found to be adulterated as  
728 provided in s. 580.071, a penalty of \$4 per ton shall be  
729 assessed against the manufacturer or distributor for each  
730 violation found.

731 (f) ~~(6)~~ If any feed is found by the department to be short  
732 in weight, 4 times the invoice value of the actual shortage  
733 shall be assessed against the manufacturer or distributor, but  
734 in no instance shall the penalty be less than \$25. The  
735 department by rule may establish variations for short weight.

736 (g) ~~(7)~~ ~~In no case shall~~ Any penalty assessed under ~~as~~  
737 ~~specified in~~ this section ~~be less than \$10~~, regardless of the  
738 monetary value of the violation, must be at least \$10.

739 (2) (a) Within 60 days after the department notifies a  
740 registrant in writing of any penalty assessed under this  
741 section, the registrant shall pay the penalty to the consumer.  
742 If the consumer's identity cannot be determined, the registrant  
743 shall, within the 60-day period, pay the assessed penalty to the  
744 department.

745 (b) A registrant who, within the 60-day period, fails to  
746 pay the full amount of the assessed penalty to the consumer or  
747 the department, as applicable, in addition to the penalty  
748 assessed under this section, is also subject to the penalties  
749 provided in s. 580.121.

750 (c) The proceeds from any penalties paid to the department

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751 under this section shall be deposited into the department's  
752 General Inspection Trust Fund and be used by the department for  
753 the exclusive purpose of administering this chapter.

754 Section 32. Section 580.151, Florida Statutes, is  
755 repealed.

756 Section 33. Subsection (30) of section 581.011, Florida  
757 Statutes, is amended to read:

758 581.011 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

759 ~~(30) "Technical council" means the Plant Industry~~  
760 ~~Technical Council.~~

761 Section 34. Subsection (3) of section 581.145, Florida  
762 Statutes, is amended to read:

763 581.145 Aquatic plant nursery registration; special permit  
764 requirements.—

765 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of state or  
766 federal law, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
767 shall issue, by request, a permit to the aquaculture producer to  
768 engage in the business of transporting and selling ~~exporting~~  
769 water hyacinths (*Eichhornia* spp.) only to other states or  
770 countries that permit such transportation and sale ~~other than~~  
771 ~~the United States and only~~ when such ~~water hyacinths are~~  
772 ~~cultivated in a nursery for the sole purpose of exportation and~~  
773 ~~the aquaculture activities have~~ activity has been certified by  
774 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In  
775 accordance with any appropriate state or federal law or United  
776 States treaty, a ~~no~~ Florida aquaculture producer may not ~~shall~~  
777 ship water hyacinths to other states or countries ~~other than the~~  
778 ~~United States~~ under such a permit for the purpose of importing

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779 | water hyacinths back into Florida ~~the United States~~, nor shall  
780 | ~~drop shipments be made to any other destination within the~~  
781 | ~~United States~~. This subsection does not ~~provision shall in no~~  
782 | ~~way~~ restrict or interfere with the ~~Department of Environmental~~  
783 | ~~Protection's~~ efforts of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
784 | Commission, or the efforts ~~these~~ of any other agency or local  
785 | government with responsibilities for the management of noxious  
786 | aquatic plants, to control or eradicate noxious nonnursery  
787 | aquatic plants, including water hyacinths. This subsection may  
788 | ~~provision shall not be~~ considered ~~a consideration~~ in the  
789 | approval or the release of biological control agents for water  
790 | hyacinths or any other noxious aquatic plants.

791 | Section 35. Section 582.06, Florida Statutes, is amended  
792 | to read:

793 | 582.06 Soil and Water Conservation Council; powers and  
794 | duties.—

795 | (1) COMPOSITION.—

796 | (a) The Soil and Water Conservation Council is created in  
797 | the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and shall be  
798 | composed of 7 ~~23~~ members ~~as follows~~:

799 | ~~(a)~~ ~~Eleven members shall be persons~~ who have been involved  
800 | in the practice of soil or water conservation, or in the  
801 | development or implementation of interim measures or best  
802 | management practices related thereto, and who have been engaged  
803 | in agriculture or an occupation related to the agricultural  
804 | industry for at least 5 years at the time of their appointment.

805 | ~~(b)~~ ~~Twelve members shall include one representative each~~  
806 | ~~from the Department of Environmental Protection, the five water~~

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807 ~~management districts, the Institute of Food and Agricultural~~  
808 ~~Sciences at the University of Florida, the United States~~  
809 ~~Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation~~  
810 ~~Service, the Florida Association of Counties, and the Florida~~  
811 ~~League of Cities and two representatives of environmental~~  
812 ~~interests.~~

813 (b) ~~(e)~~ All members shall be appointed by the commissioner.  
814 ~~Members appointed pursuant to paragraph (b) shall be appointed~~  
815 ~~by the commissioner from recommendations provided by the~~  
816 ~~organization or interest represented.~~

817 (c) ~~(d)~~ Members shall serve 4-year terms or until their  
818 successors are duly qualified and appointed. If a vacancy  
819 occurs, it shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the  
820 manner of an initial appointment.

821 (2) POWERS AND DUTIES; MEETINGS; PROCEDURES; RECORDS~~+~~  
822 ~~COMPENSATION.~~—The meetings, powers and duties, procedures, and  
823 recordkeeping of the Soil and Water Conservation Council, ~~and~~  
824 ~~per diem and reimbursement of expenses of council members,~~ shall  
825 be governed by the provisions of s. 570.0705 relating to  
826 advisory committees established within the department.

827 Section 36. Subsections (2), (3), (4), (6), (8), and (9)  
828 of section 582.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

829 582.20 Powers of districts and supervisors.—A soil and  
830 water conservation district organized under the provisions of  
831 this chapter shall constitute a governmental subdivision of this  
832 state, and a public body corporate and politic, exercising  
833 public powers, and such district and the supervisors thereof,  
834 shall have the following powers, in addition to others granted

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835 | in other sections of this chapter:  
 836 |       (2) To conduct demonstrational projects within the  
 837 | district's boundaries, territory within another district's  
 838 | boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or  
 839 | territory not contained within any district's boundaries  
 840 | ~~district~~ on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of  
 841 | its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency administering  
 842 | and having jurisdiction thereof, and on any other lands within  
 843 | the district's boundaries, territory within another district's  
 844 | boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or  
 845 | territory not contained within any district's boundaries  
 846 | ~~district~~ upon obtaining the consent of the owner and occupiers  
 847 | of such lands or the necessary rights or interests in such  
 848 | lands, in order to demonstrate by example the means, methods,  
 849 | and measures by which soil and soil resources may be conserved,  
 850 | and soil erosion in the form of soil blowing and soil washing  
 851 | may be prevented and controlled, and works of improvement for  
 852 | flood prevention or the conservation, development and  
 853 | utilization of soil and water resources, and the disposal of  
 854 | water may be carried out;

855 |       (3) To carry out preventive and control measures and works  
 856 | of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation,  
 857 | development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the  
 858 | disposal of water within the district's boundaries, territory  
 859 | within another district's boundaries subject to the other  
 860 | district's approval, or territory not contained within any  
 861 | district's boundaries ~~district~~, including, but not limited to,  
 862 | engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of

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863 | vegetation, changes in use of land, and the measures listed in  
 864 | s. 582.04 on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of  
 865 | its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency administering  
 866 | and having jurisdiction thereof, and on any other lands within  
 867 | the district's boundaries, territory within another district's  
 868 | boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or  
 869 | territory not contained within any district's boundaries  
 870 | ~~district~~ upon obtaining the consent of the owner and the  
 871 | occupiers of such lands or the necessary rights or interests in  
 872 | such lands;

873 |       (4) To cooperate, or enter into agreements with, and  
 874 | within the limits of appropriations duly made available to it by  
 875 | law, to furnish financial or other aid to, any agency,  
 876 | governmental or otherwise, or any owner or occupier of lands  
 877 | within the district's boundaries, territory within another  
 878 | district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval,  
 879 | or territory not contained within any district's boundaries  
 880 | ~~district~~, in the carrying on of erosion control or prevention  
 881 | operations and works of improvement for flood prevention or the  
 882 | conservation, development and utilization, of soil and water  
 883 | resources and the disposal of water within the district's  
 884 | boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries  
 885 | subject to the other district's approval, or territory not  
 886 | contained within any district's boundaries, ~~district~~, subject to  
 887 | such conditions as the supervisors may deem necessary to advance  
 888 | the purposes of this chapter;

889 |       (6) To make available, on such terms as it shall  
 890 | prescribe, to landowners and occupiers within the district's



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891 boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries  
 892 subject to the other district's approval, or territory not  
 893 contained within any district's boundaries ~~district,~~  
 894 agricultural and engineering machinery and equipment,  
 895 fertilizer, seeds and seedlings, and such other material or  
 896 equipment, as will assist such landowners and occupiers to carry  
 897 on operations upon their lands for the conservation of soil  
 898 resources and for the prevention or control of soil erosion and  
 899 for flood prevention or the conservation, development and  
 900 utilization, of soil and water resources and the disposal of  
 901 water;

902 (8) To develop comprehensive plans for the conservation of  
 903 soil and water resources and for the control and prevention of  
 904 soil erosion and for flood prevention or the conservation,  
 905 development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the  
 906 disposal of water within the district's boundaries, territory  
 907 within another district's boundaries subject to the other  
 908 district's approval, or territory not contained within any  
 909 district's boundaries ~~district,~~ which plans shall specify in  
 910 such detail as may be possible the acts, procedures,  
 911 performances, and avoidances which are necessary or desirable  
 912 for the effectuation of such plans, including the specification  
 913 of engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing  
 914 of vegetation, cropping programs, tillage practices, and changes  
 915 in use of land; control of artesian wells; and to publish such  
 916 plans and information and bring them to the attention of owners  
 917 and occupiers of lands within the district's boundaries,  
 918 territory within another district's boundaries subject to the

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919 other district's approval, or territory not contained within any  
920 district's boundaries ~~district~~;

921 (9) To take over, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and to  
922 administer any soil-conservation, erosion-control, erosion-  
923 prevention project, or any project for flood-prevention or for  
924 the conservation, development and utilization of soil and water  
925 resources, and the disposal of water, located within the  
926 district's ~~its~~ boundaries, territory within another district's  
927 boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or  
928 territory not contained within any district's boundaries,  
929 undertaken by the United States or any of its agencies, or by  
930 this state or any of its agencies; to manage as agent of the  
931 United States or any of its agencies, or of the state or any of  
932 its agencies, any soil-conservation, erosion-control, erosion-  
933 prevention, or any project for flood-prevention or for the  
934 conservation, development, and utilization of soil and water  
935 resources, and the disposal of water within the district's ~~its~~  
936 boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries  
937 subject to the other district's approval, or territory not  
938 contained within any district's boundaries; to act as agent for  
939 the United States, or any of its agencies, or for the state or  
940 any of its agencies, in connection with the acquisition,  
941 construction, operation or administration of any soil-  
942 conservation, erosion-control, erosion-prevention, or any  
943 project for flood-prevention or for the conservation,  
944 development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the  
945 disposal of water within the district's ~~its~~ boundaries,  
946 territory within another district's boundaries subject to the

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947 other district's approval, or territory not contained within any  
948 district's boundaries; to accept donations, gifts, and  
949 contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise, from  
950 the United States or any of its agencies, or from this state or  
951 any of its agencies, or from others, and to use or expend such  
952 moneys, services, materials or other contributions in carrying  
953 on its operations;

954 Section 37. Section 582.29, Florida Statutes, is amended  
955 to read:

956 582.29 State agencies to cooperate.—Agencies of this state  
957 which shall have jurisdiction over, or be charged with, the  
958 administration of any state-owned lands, and of any county, or  
959 other governmental subdivision of the state, which shall have  
960 jurisdiction over, or be charged with the administration of, any  
961 county-owned or other publicly owned lands, lying within the  
962 boundaries of any district organized under this chapter, the  
963 boundaries of another district subject to that district's  
964 approval, or territory not contained within the boundaries of  
965 any district organized under this chapter, shall cooperate to  
966 the fullest extent with the supervisors of such districts in the  
967 effectuation of programs and operations undertaken by the  
968 supervisors under the provisions of this chapter. The  
969 supervisors of such districts shall be given free access to  
970 enter and perform work upon such publicly owned lands. The  
971 provisions of land use regulations adopted shall be in all  
972 respects observed by the agencies administering such publicly  
973 owned lands.

974 Section 38. Subsection (3) of section 582.30, Florida

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975 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that  
976 section, to read:

977 582.30 Discontinuance of districts; referendum;  
978 commissioner's authority.—

979 (3) ~~In the alternative, upon review and recommendation of~~  
980 ~~the Soil and Water Conservation Council regarding the continued~~  
981 ~~viability of a district,~~ the Commissioner of Agriculture may  
982 dissolve or discontinue a such district if: ~~the commissioner~~  
983 ~~certifies that the continued operation of the district is not~~  
984 ~~administratively practicable and feasible.~~

985 (a) Upon review and recommendation of the Soil and Water  
986 Conservation Council, the council determines that the continued  
987 operation of the district is not administratively practicable  
988 and feasible under the provisions of this chapter;

989 (b) The If A district fails ~~has failed~~ to comply with any  
990 ~~of the~~ audit or ~~and~~ financial reporting requirement ~~requirements~~  
991 of chapter 189 and, ~~the commissioner,~~ after review and  
992 ~~confirmation by~~ the department's inspector general reviews and  
993 confirms in writing that the district has failed to comply with  
994 such requirement; or, ~~may certify dissolution or discontinuance~~  
995 ~~of such district without prior review and recommendation of the~~  
996 ~~Soil and Water Conservation Council.~~

997 (c) The department receives a resolution adopted by the  
998 supervisors of the district requesting that the commissioner  
999 issue a certificate determining that the continued operation of  
1000 the district is not administratively practicable and feasible  
1001 under the provisions of this chapter.

1002 (4) If the requirements for dissolution or discontinuance

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1003 of a district are satisfied under subsection (1), subsection  
 1004 (2), or subsection (3), the department shall publish notice of a  
 1005 ~~such~~ proposed certification determining that the continued  
 1006 operation of the district is not administratively practicable  
 1007 and feasible under the provisions of this chapter. The notice of  
 1008 ~~dissolution or discontinuance~~ shall be published once a week for  
 1009 2 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the county  
 1010 or counties in which ~~wherein~~ the district is located, stating  
 1011 the name of the district and a general description of the  
 1012 territory included in the district, and requiring that any  
 1013 comments or objections to the proposed certification,  
 1014 ~~dissolution~~ or any claims against the assets of the district,  
 1015 must be filed with the department clerk not later than 60 days  
 1016 after ~~following~~ the date of last publication.

1017 (5) (a) Upon expiration of the 60-day period after the date  
 1018 of last publication, the commissioner, upon review of any  
 1019 comments or objections received under subsection (4), may issue  
 1020 a certificate determining that the continued operation of the  
 1021 district is not administratively practicable and feasible under  
 1022 the provisions of this chapter.

1023 (b) If the commissioner issues a certificate determining  
 1024 that the continued operation of a district is not  
 1025 administratively practicable and feasible under the provisions  
 1026 of this chapter, the department shall file the original  
 1027 certificate with the Department of State and shall provide a  
 1028 copy of the certificate to the supervisors of the district at  
 1029 the district's principal office designated under s.  
 1030 582.15(1) (c).

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1031           Section 39. Section 582.31, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1032 to read:  
1033           582.31 Certification of results of referendum;  
1034 dissolution.—Upon receipt from the Department of Agriculture and  
1035 Consumer Services of a certification that the department has  
1036 determined that the continued operation of the district is not  
1037 administratively practicable and feasible, pursuant to the  
1038 provisions of this chapter, the supervisors shall forthwith  
1039 proceed to terminate the affairs of the district. The  
1040 supervisors shall dispose of all property belonging to the  
1041 district at public auction and shall pay over the proceeds of  
1042 such sale to be converted into the State Treasury, which amount  
1043 shall be placed to the credit of the district ~~department~~ for the  
1044 purpose of liquidating any legal obligations the ~~said~~ district  
1045 may have at the time of its discontinuance. The supervisors  
1046 shall thereupon file an application, duly verified, with the  
1047 Department of State for the discontinuance of the ~~such~~ district,  
1048 and shall transmit with such application the certificate of the  
1049 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services setting forth  
1050 the determination of the department that the continued operation  
1051 of the ~~such~~ district is not administratively practicable and  
1052 feasible. The application shall recite that the property of the  
1053 district has been disposed of and the proceeds paid over as in  
1054 this section provided, and shall set forth a full accounting of  
1055 such properties and proceeds of the sale. The Department of  
1056 State shall issue to the supervisors a certificate of  
1057 dissolution and shall record such certificate in an appropriate  
1058 book of record in its office.

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1059 Section 40. Subsection (1) of section 582.32, Florida  
1060 Statutes, is amended to read:

1061 582.32 Effect of dissolution ~~Continuance of existing~~  
1062 ~~contracts, etc.-~~

1063 (1) Upon issuance of a certificate of dissolution, s.  
1064 189.4045(2) applies and all land use regulations ~~theretofore~~  
1065 ~~adopted and in effect~~ force within such districts are void shall  
1066 ~~be of no further force and effect. All contracts theretofore~~  
1067 ~~entered into, to which the district or supervisors are parties,~~  
1068 ~~shall remain in force and effect for the period provided in such~~  
1069 ~~contracts. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services~~  
1070 ~~shall be substituted for the district or supervisors as party to~~  
1071 ~~such contracts. The department shall be entitled to all benefits~~  
1072 ~~and subject to all liabilities under such contracts and shall~~  
1073 ~~have the same right and liability to perform, to require~~  
1074 ~~performance, and to modify or terminate such contracts by mutual~~  
1075 ~~consent or otherwise, as the supervisors of the district would~~  
1076 ~~have had. Such dissolution shall not affect the lien of any~~  
1077 ~~judgment entered under the provisions of this chapter, nor the~~  
1078 ~~pendency of any action instituted under the provisions of this~~  
1079 ~~chapter, and the department shall succeed to all the rights and~~  
1080 ~~obligations of the district or supervisors as to such liens and~~  
1081 ~~actions.~~

1082 Section 41. Section 585.155, Florida Statutes, is  
1083 repealed.

1084 Section 42. Section 589.03, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

1085 Section 43. Section 589.19, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1086 to read:

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1087           589.19   Creation of certain state forests; naming of  
1088 certain state forests.—

1089           (1)   When the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
1090 Trust Fund, any state agency, or any agency created by state  
1091 law, authorized to accept reforestation lands in the name of the  
1092 state, approves the recommendations of the Florida Forest  
1093 Service ~~Division of Forestry~~ in reference to the acquisition of  
1094 land and acquires ~~acquire~~ such land, the ~~said~~ board, state  
1095 agency, or agency created by state law, may formally designate  
1096 and dedicate any area as a reforestation project, or state  
1097 forest, and where so designated and dedicated such area shall be  
1098 under the administration of the Florida Forest Service, ~~division~~  
1099 which is ~~shall be~~ authorized to manage and administer such ~~said~~  
1100 area according to the purpose for which it was designated and  
1101 dedicated.

1102           (2)   The first state forest acquired by the Board of  
1103 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund in Baker County  
1104 is to be named the John M. Bethea State Forest. This is to honor  
1105 Mr. John M. Bethea who was Florida's fourth state forester and  
1106 whose distinguished career in state government spanned 46 years  
1107 and who is a native of Baker County.

1108           (3)   The state forest managed by the Florida Forest Service  
1109 ~~Division of Forestry~~ in Seminole County is to be named the  
1110 Charles H. Bronson State Forest to honor Charles H. Bronson, the  
1111 tenth Commissioner of Agriculture, for his distinguished  
1112 contribution to this state's agriculture and natural resources.

1113           (4) (a)   The Florida Forest Service ~~Division of Forestry~~  
1114 shall designate one or more areas of state forests as an



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1115 "Operation Outdoor Freedom a ~~"Wounded Warrior~~ Special Hunt Area"  
1116 to honor wounded veterans and servicemembers. The purpose of  
1117 such designated areas is to provide special outdoor recreational  
1118 opportunities for eligible veterans and servicemembers.

1119 (b) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ shall limit guest  
1120 admittance to such designated areas to any person who:

1121 1. Is an active duty member of any branch of the United  
1122 States Armed Forces and has a combat-related injury as  
1123 determined by his or her branch of the United States Armed  
1124 Forces; or

1125 2. Is a veteran who served during a period of wartime  
1126 service as defined in s. 1.01(14) or peacetime service as  
1127 defined in s. 296.02 and:

1128 a. Has a service-connected disability as determined by the  
1129 United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

1130 b. Was discharged or released from military service  
1131 because of a disability acquired or aggravated while serving on  
1132 active duty.

1133 (c) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ may grant  
1134 admittance to such designated areas to a person who is not an  
1135 eligible veteran or servicemember for purposes of accompanying  
1136 an eligible veteran or servicemember who requires the person's  
1137 assistance to use such designated areas.

1138 (d) Funding required for specialized accommodations shall  
1139 be provided through the Friends of Florida State Forests Program  
1140 created under s. 589.012.

1141 (e) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ may adopt rules to  
1142 administer this subsection.

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1143 Section 44. Section 589.277, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1144 to read:

1145 589.277 Tree planting programs.—

1146 (1) The ~~Division of Forestry of the~~ Florida Forest Service  
1147 ~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services~~ shall administer  
1148 federal, state, and privately sponsored tree planting programs  
1149 designed to assist private rural landowners and urban  
1150 communities.

1151 (2) Contributions from governmental and private sources  
1152 for tree planting programs may be accepted into the Federal  
1153 Grants Trust Fund or the Incidental Trust Fund of the Florida  
1154 Forest Service.

1155 (3) The Florida Forest Service shall ~~Division of Forestry~~  
1156 ~~is authorized and directed to~~ develop and implement guidelines  
1157 and procedures under which the financial resources of the fund  
1158 allocated for tree planting programs may be utilized for urban  
1159 and rural reforestation.

1160 (4) Grants to municipalities, counties, nonprofit  
1161 organizations, and qualifying private landowners may be made  
1162 from allocated moneys in the fund for the purpose of purchasing,  
1163 planting, and maintaining native tree species.

1164 (5) The Florida Forest Service ~~Division of Forestry~~ shall  
1165 assist the Department of Education in developing programs that  
1166 teach the importance of trees in the urban, rural, and global  
1167 environment.

1168 Section 45. Section 590.02, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1169 to read:

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1170           590.02 Florida Forest Service; ~~Division~~ powers, authority,  
1171 and duties; liability; building structures; Florida Center for  
1172 Wildfire and Forest Resources Management Training.—

1173           (1) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ has the following  
1174 powers, authority, and duties:

1175           (a) To enforce the provisions of this chapter;

1176           (b) To prevent, detect, suppress, and extinguish wildfires  
1177 wherever they may occur on public or private land in this state  
1178 and to do all things necessary in the exercise of such powers,  
1179 authority, and duties;

1180           (c) To provide firefighting crews, who shall be under the  
1181 control and direction of the Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ and  
1182 its designated agents;

1183           (d) To appoint center managers, forest area supervisors,  
1184 forestry program administrators, a forest protection bureau  
1185 chief, a forest protection assistant bureau chief, a field  
1186 operations bureau chief, deputy chiefs of field operations,  
1187 district managers, forest operations administrators, senior  
1188 forest rangers, investigators, forest rangers, firefighter  
1189 rotorcraft pilots, and other employees who may, at the Florida  
1190 Forest Service's ~~division's~~ discretion, be certified as forestry  
1191 firefighters pursuant to s. 633.35(4). Other provisions of law  
1192 notwithstanding, center managers, district managers, forest  
1193 protection assistant bureau chief, and deputy chiefs of field  
1194 operations shall have Selected Exempt Service status in the  
1195 state personnel designation;

1196           (e) To develop a training curriculum for forestry  
1197 firefighters which must contain the basic volunteer structural

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1198 fire training course approved by the Florida State Fire College  
1199 of the Division of State Fire Marshal and a minimum of 250 hours  
1200 of wildfire training;

1201 (f) To make rules to accomplish the purposes of this  
1202 chapter;

1203 (g) To provide fire management services and emergency  
1204 response assistance and to set and charge reasonable fees for  
1205 performance of those services. Moneys collected from such fees  
1206 shall be deposited into the Incidental Trust Fund of the Florida  
1207 Forest Service ~~division~~; and

1208 (h) To require all state, regional, and local government  
1209 agencies operating aircraft in the vicinity of an ongoing  
1210 wildfire to operate in compliance with the applicable state  
1211 Wildfire Aviation Plan.

1212 (2) The Florida Forest Service's ~~Division~~ employees, and  
1213 the firefighting crews under their control and direction, may  
1214 enter upon any lands for the purpose of preventing and  
1215 suppressing wildfires and investigating smoke complaints or open  
1216 burning not in compliance with authorization and to enforce the  
1217 provisions of this chapter.

1218 (3) Employees of the Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ and  
1219 of federal, state, and local agencies, and all other persons and  
1220 entities that are under contract or agreement with the Florida  
1221 Forest Service ~~division~~ to assist in firefighting operations as  
1222 well as those entities, called upon by the Florida Forest  
1223 Service ~~division~~ to assist in firefighting may, in the  
1224 performance of their duties, set counterfires, remove fences and  
1225 other obstacles, dig trenches, cut firelines, use water from

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1226 public and private sources, and carry on all other customary  
1227 activities in the fighting of wildfires without incurring  
1228 liability to any person or entity.

1229 (4) (a) The department may build structures,  
1230 notwithstanding chapters 216 and 255, not to exceed a cost of  
1231 \$50,000 per structure from existing resources on forest lands,  
1232 federal excess property, and unneeded existing structures. These  
1233 structures must meet all applicable building codes.

1234 (b) Notwithstanding s. 553.80(1), the department shall  
1235 exclusively enforce the Florida Building Code as it pertains to  
1236 wildfire and law enforcement facilities under the jurisdiction  
1237 of the department.

1238 (5) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ shall organize its  
1239 operational units to most effectively prevent, detect, and  
1240 suppress wildfires, and to that end, may employ the necessary  
1241 personnel to manage its activities in each unit. The Florida  
1242 Forest Service ~~division~~ may construct lookout towers, roads,  
1243 bridges, firelines, and other facilities and may purchase or  
1244 fabricate tools, supplies, and equipment for firefighting. The  
1245 Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ may reimburse the public and  
1246 private entities that it engages to assist in the suppression of  
1247 wildfires for their personnel and equipment, including aircraft.

1248 (6) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ shall undertake  
1249 privatization alternatives for fire prevention activities  
1250 including constructing fire lines and conducting prescribed  
1251 burns and, where appropriate, entering into agreements or  
1252 contracts with the private sector to perform such activities.

1253 (7) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ may organize,

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1254 staff, equip, and operate the Florida Center for Wildfire and  
1255 Forest Resources Management Training. The center shall serve as  
1256 a site where fire and forest resource managers can obtain  
1257 current knowledge, techniques, skills, and theory as they relate  
1258 to their respective disciplines.

1259 (a) The center may establish cooperative efforts involving  
1260 federal, state, and local entities; hire appropriate personnel;  
1261 and engage others by contract or agreement with or without  
1262 compensation to assist in carrying out the training and  
1263 operations of the center.

1264 (b) The center shall provide wildfire suppression training  
1265 opportunities for rural fire departments, volunteer fire  
1266 departments, and other local fire response units.

1267 (c) The center will focus on curriculum related to, but  
1268 not limited to, fuel reduction, an incident management system,  
1269 prescribed burning certification, multiple-use land management,  
1270 water quality, forest health, environmental education, and  
1271 wildfire suppression training for structural firefighters.

1272 (d) The center may assess appropriate fees for food,  
1273 lodging, travel, course materials, and supplies in order to meet  
1274 its operational costs and may grant free meals, room, and  
1275 scholarships to persons and other entities in exchange for  
1276 instructional assistance.

1277 (e) An advisory committee consisting of the following  
1278 individuals or their designees must review program curriculum,  
1279 course content, and scheduling: the director of the Florida  
1280 Forest Service ~~Division of Forestry~~; the assistant director of  
1281 the Florida Forest Service ~~Division of Forestry~~; the director of

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1282 the School of Forest Resources and Conservation of the  
1283 University of Florida; the director of the Division of  
1284 Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental  
1285 Protection; the director of the Division of the State Fire  
1286 Marshal; the director of the Florida Chapter of The Nature  
1287 Conservancy; the executive vice president of the Florida  
1288 Forestry Association; the president of the Florida Farm Bureau  
1289 Federation; the executive director of the Fish and Wildlife  
1290 Conservation Commission; the executive director of a water  
1291 management district as appointed by the Commissioner of  
1292 Agriculture; the supervisor of the National Forests in Florida;  
1293 the president of the Florida Fire Chief's Association; and the  
1294 executive director of the Tall Timbers Research Station.

1295 (8) The Cross City Work Center shall be named the L. Earl  
1296 Peterson Forestry Station. This is to honor Mr. L. Earl  
1297 Peterson, Florida's sixth state forester, whose distinguished  
1298 career in state government has spanned 44 years, and who is a  
1299 native of Dixie County.

1300 (9) (a) Notwithstanding ss. 273.055 and 287.16, the  
1301 department may retain, transfer, warehouse, bid, destroy, scrap,  
1302 or otherwise dispose of surplus equipment and vehicles that are  
1303 used for wildland firefighting.

1304 (b) All money received from the disposition of state-owned  
1305 equipment and vehicles that are used for wildland firefighting  
1306 shall be retained by the department. Money received pursuant to  
1307 this section is appropriated for and may be disbursed for the  
1308 acquisition of exchange and surplus equipment used for wildland  
1309 firefighting, and for all necessary operating expenditures

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1310 related to such equipment, in the same fiscal year and the  
1311 fiscal year following the disposition. The department shall  
1312 maintain records of the accounts into which the money is  
1313 deposited.

1314 (10) (a) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ has exclusive  
1315 authority to require and issue authorizations for broadcast  
1316 burning and agricultural and silvicultural pile burning. An  
1317 agency, commission, department, county, municipality, or other  
1318 political subdivision of the state may not adopt or enforce  
1319 laws, regulations, rules, or policies pertaining to broadcast  
1320 burning or agricultural and silvicultural pile burning unless an  
1321 emergency order is declared in accordance with s. 252.38(3).

1322 (b) The Florida Forest Service ~~division~~ may delegate to a  
1323 county or municipality its authority, as delegated by the  
1324 Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to ss.  
1325 403.061(28) and 403.081, to require and issue authorizations for  
1326 the burning of yard trash and debris from land clearing  
1327 operations in accordance with s. 590.125(6).

1328 Section 46. Subsection (3) of section 597.0021, Florida  
1329 Statutes, is amended to read:

1330 597.0021 Legislative intent.—

1331 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
1332 Aquaculture Review Council is ~~and the Aquaculture Interagency~~  
1333 ~~Coordinating Council~~ are established to provide a means of  
1334 communication between the aquaculture industry and the  
1335 regulatory agencies.

1336 Section 47. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
1337 section 597.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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1338 597.003 Powers and duties of Department of Agriculture and  
1339 Consumer Services.—

1340 (1) The department is hereby designated as the lead agency  
1341 in encouraging the development of aquaculture in the state and  
1342 shall have and exercise the following functions, powers, and  
1343 duties with regard to aquaculture:

1344 (b) Coordinate the development, annual revision, and  
1345 implementation of a state aquaculture plan. The plan shall  
1346 include prioritized recommendations for research and development  
1347 as suggested by the Aquaculture Review Council, ~~the Aquaculture~~  
1348 ~~Interagency Coordinating Council,~~ and public and private  
1349 institutional research, extension, and service programs.

1350 (d) Provide staff for the Aquaculture Review Council ~~and~~  
1351 ~~the Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council.~~

1352 Section 48. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section  
1353 597.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1354 597.004 Aquaculture certificate of registration.—

1355 (1) CERTIFICATION.—Any person engaging in aquaculture must  
1356 be certified by the department. The applicant for a certificate  
1357 of registration shall submit the following to the department:

1358 (h) An One-hundred dollar annual registration fee of \$100.  
1359 The annual registration fee is waived for each elementary,  
1360 middle, or high school and each vocational school that  
1361 participates in the aquaculture certification program.

1362 Section 49. Subsection (1), paragraphs (a) and (b) of  
1363 subsection (2), and paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section  
1364 597.005, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1365 597.005 Aquaculture Review Council.—

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1366 (1) COMPOSITION.—There is created within the department  
 1367 the Aquaculture Review Council to consist of eight ~~nine~~ members  
 1368 as follows: the chair of the State Agricultural Advisory Council  
 1369 or designee; ~~the chair of the Aquaculture Interagency~~  
 1370 ~~Coordinating Council;~~ and seven additional members to be  
 1371 appointed by the commissioner, including an alligator farmer, a  
 1372 food fish farmer, a shellfish farmer, a tropical fish farmer, an  
 1373 aquatic plant farmer, a representative of the commercial fishing  
 1374 industry, and a representative of the aquaculture industry at  
 1375 large. Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms. Each member  
 1376 shall be selected from no fewer than two or more than three  
 1377 nominees submitted by recognized statewide organizations  
 1378 representing each industry segment or the aquaculture industry  
 1379 at large. In the absence of nominees, the commissioner shall  
 1380 appoint persons who otherwise meet the qualifications for  
 1381 appointment to the council. Members shall serve until their  
 1382 successors are duly qualified and appointed. An appointment to  
 1383 fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

1384 (2) MEETINGS; PROCEDURES; RECORDS.—

1385 (a) The members of the council shall meet at least  
 1386 quarterly; shall elect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary~~7~~  
 1387 ~~and an industry representative to the Aquaculture Interagency~~  
 1388 ~~Coordinating Council;~~ and shall use accepted rules of procedure.  
 1389 The terms of such officers shall be for 1 year.

1390 (b) The council shall meet at the call of its chair, at  
 1391 the request of a majority of its membership, at the request of  
 1392 the department, or at such times as may be prescribed by its  
 1393 rules of procedure. ~~However, the council shall hold a joint~~

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1394 ~~annual meeting with the Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating~~  
1395 ~~Council.~~

1396 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The primary responsibilities of the  
1397 Aquaculture Review Council are to:

1398 (h) For any problem that cannot be solved through simple  
1399 cooperation or negotiation, provide an issue analysis ~~to the~~  
1400 ~~Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council~~ and to the chairs  
1401 of the legislative agriculture appropriations committees. The  
1402 analysis shall include, but not be limited to, specific facts  
1403 and industry hardships, regulatory provisions, questions  
1404 relative to the issue, and suggestions for solving the problem.

1405 Section 50. Section 597.006, Florida Statutes, is  
1406 repealed.

1407 Section 51. Subsection (12) is added to section 604.21,  
1408 Florida Statutes, to read:

1409 604.21 Complaint; investigation; hearing.—

1410 (12) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
1411 the Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's authorized  
1412 designee may act as trustee on any bond or other form of  
1413 security posted with the United States Department of Agriculture  
1414 in compliance with the federal Packers and Stockyards Act. The  
1415 commissioner may enter into agreements with the United States  
1416 Department of Agriculture as necessary to carry out the purposes  
1417 of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

1418 Section 52. Subsection (3) of section 616.252, Florida  
1419 Statutes, is amended to read:

1420 616.252 Florida State Fair Authority; membership; number,  
1421 terms, compensation.—

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1422           (3) Members of the authority are not entitled to  
1423 compensation for their services as members but shall be  
1424 reimbursed by the authority for per diem and travel expenses as  
1425 provided in s. 112.061 ~~and may not be reimbursed for travel~~  
1426 ~~expenses~~. Except for the nonvoting youth member, each member may  
1427 be compensated for any special or full-time service performed in  
1428 the authority's behalf as officers or agents of the authority.  
1429           Section 53. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.