

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to agricultural lands; amending s.
 3 163.3162, F.S.; prohibiting governmental entities
 4 under certain conditions from adopting or enforcing
 5 any prohibition, restriction, regulation, or other
 6 limitation on the activity of a bona fide farm
 7 operation on land classified as agricultural land or
 8 charging an assessment or fee upon such activity;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 14 163.3162, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 163.3162 Agricultural Lands and Practices.—

16 (3) DUPLICATION OF REGULATION.—Except as otherwise
 17 provided in this section and s. 487.051(2), and notwithstanding
 18 any other law, including any provision of chapter 125 or this
 19 chapter:

20 (a) A governmental entity ~~county~~ may not exercise any of
 21 its powers to adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution,
 22 regulation, rule, or policy to prohibit, restrict, regulate, or
 23 otherwise limit an activity of a bona fide farm operation on
 24 land classified as agricultural land pursuant to s. 193.461, or
 25 charge an assessment or fee upon such activity, if such activity
 26 is regulated through implemented best management practices,
 27 interim measures, or regulations adopted as rules under chapter
 28 120 by the Department of Environmental Protection, the

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29 | Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or a water
30 | management district as part of a statewide or regional program;
31 | or if such activity is expressly regulated by the United States
32 | Department of Agriculture, the United States Army Corps of
33 | Engineers, or the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
34 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.