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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the civil liability of farmers;
3 amending s. 768.137, F.S.; expanding an existing
4 exemption from civil liability for farmers who
5 gratuitously allow a person to enter upon their land
6 for the purpose of removing farm produce or crops left
7 in the field after harvesting to include farmers who
8 gratuitously allow a person to enter upon their land
9 to remove any farm produce or crops; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 768.137, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 768.137 Definition; limitation of civil liability for
17 certain farmers; exception.-

18 (2) A ~~Any~~ farmer who gratuitously allows a person ~~persons~~
19 to enter upon the farmer's ~~her or his own~~ land for the purpose
20 of removing ~~any~~ farm produce or crops is remaining in the fields
21 ~~following the harvesting thereof,~~ shall be exempt from civil
22 liability:

23 (a) Arising out of any injury or the death of such person
24 due to ~~resulting from~~ the nature or condition of the ~~such~~ land;
25 or

26 (b) Arising out of any injury or death due to the nature,
27 age, or condition of the ~~any such~~ farm produce or crops removed
28 by such person ~~crop~~.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.