

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 594

INTRODUCER: Senator Stargel

SUBJECT: Agritourism

DATE: February 12, 2015

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Becker	Becker	AG	Favorable
2.			CA	
3.			RC	

I. Summary:

SB 594 prohibits a local government from enforcing an ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land.

II. Present Situation:

“Agritourism” is any agricultural related activity that takes place on a *bona fide* farm or ranch or in a working forest that allows members of the general public to view or enjoy activities such as harvest-your-own, farming, and ranching.¹

Local governments may not enact a regulation, rule, or policy that would limit an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land under s. 193.461.²

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 prohibits a local government from enforcing an ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land.

Section 2 provides that this act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

¹ Section 570.86, F.S.

² Section 570.85, F.S.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

There could be an increase in agritourism activities for business owners, which could potentially generate a profit.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 570.85.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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