

**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	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
2.			CA	
3.			RC	

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**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.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup>

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 570.86, F.S.

<sup>2</sup> 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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