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The Committee on Appropriations (Grimsley) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (350294) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 26 and 27  
5 insert:

6           Section 2. Section 316.565, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
7 read:

8           316.565 Emergency transportation, agricultural products  
9 ~~perishable food~~; establishment of weight loads, etc.—

10           (1) The Governor may declare an emergency to exist when



11 there is a breakdown in the normal public transportation  
12 facilities necessary in moving agricultural products, as defined  
13 in s. 604.60, ~~perishable food crops~~ grown in the state. The  
14 Department of Transportation is authorized during such emergency  
15 to establish such weight loads for hauling over the highways  
16 ~~from the fields or packinghouses to the nearest available public~~  
17 ~~transportation facility~~ as circumstances demand. The Department  
18 of Transportation may issue, and any law enforcement officer  
19 authorized to enforce the traffic laws of this state may accept,  
20 electronic verification of permits during such an emergency. A  
21 permit issued pursuant to this section is valid for up to 60  
22 days; however, the validity of the permit may not exceed the  
23 period of the declared state of emergency or any extension  
24 thereof. The Department of Transportation shall designate  
25 special highway routes, excluding the interstate highway system,  
26 to facilitate the trucking and render any other assistance  
27 needed to expedite moving the agricultural products ~~perishables~~.

28 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature in this chapter to  
29 supersede any existing laws when necessary to protect and save  
30 any agricultural products ~~perishable food crops~~ grown in the  
31 state and give authority for agencies to provide necessary  
32 temporary assistance requested during any such emergency. The  
33 department shall consult with the Department of Agriculture and  
34 Consumer Services and stakeholders in the agricultural industry  
35 in implementing this section.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete line 2726



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40 and insert:  
41 structures used in citrus production; amending s.  
42 316.565, F.S.; revising the Governor's authority, to  
43 include agricultural products instead of only  
44 perishable food, in declaring an emergency relating to  
45 the transport of such products when there is a  
46 breakdown in the normal public transportation  
47 facilities necessary to move such products;  
48 authorizing the Department of Transportation to issue,  
49 and specified law enforcement officers to accept,  
50 electronic verification of permits during a declared  
51 state of emergency; providing that such permits are  
52 valid for up to a specified period of time, but no  
53 longer than the duration of the declared state of  
54 emergency or any extension thereof; requiring the  
55 Department of Transportation to consult with the  
56 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and  
57 stakeholders in the agricultural industry in  
58 implementing emergency transportation assistance for  
59 agricultural products; amending s.