

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and  
3           Consumer Services; amending s. 316.520, F.S.; revising  
4           application of agricultural load securing  
5           requirements; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising the  
6           functions, powers, and duties of the Department of  
7           Agriculture and Consumer Services to authorize the  
8           department to purchase private insurance policies for  
9           a specified purpose; amending s. 570.441, F.S.;  
10          extending the scheduled expiration for the Department  
11          of Agriculture and Consumer Services' use of funds  
12          from the Pest Control Trust Fund for certain duties of  
13          the department; amending s. 590.02, F.S.; directing  
14          the Florida Forest Service to develop a training  
15          curriculum for wildland firefighters; providing  
16          requirements for such training; amending s. 633.408,  
17          F.S.; providing wildland firefighter training and  
18          certification for certain firefighters and volunteer  
19          firefighters; providing an effective date.

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

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23           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 316.520, Florida  
24   Statutes, is amended to read:

25           316.520 Loads on vehicles.—

26 (4) The provision of subsection (2) requiring covering and  
 27 securing the load with a close-fitting tarpaulin or other  
 28 appropriate cover does not apply to vehicles carrying  
 29 agricultural products locally from a harvest site or to or from  
 30 a farm on roads where the posted speed limit is 65 miles per  
 31 hour or less ~~and the distance driven on public roads is less~~  
 32 ~~than 20 miles.~~

33 Section 2. Subsection (47) is added to section 570.07,  
 34 Florida Statutes, to read:

35 570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
 36 functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and  
 37 exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

38 (47) To purchase, at its discretion, private insurance  
 39 policies to cover expenses related to the payment of benefits  
 40 required by s. 112.1816.

41 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 570.441, Florida  
 42 Statutes, is amended to read

43 570.441 Pest Control Trust Fund.—

44 (4) In addition to the uses authorized under subsection  
 45 (2), moneys collected or received by the department under  
 46 chapter 482 may be used to carry out the provisions of s.  
 47 570.44. This subsection expires June 30, 2024 ~~2020~~.

48 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section  
 49 590.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

50 590.02 Florida Forest Service; powers, authority, and

51 duties; liability; building structures; Withlacoochee Training  
 52 Center.—

53 (1) The Florida Forest Service has the following powers,  
 54 authority, and duties to:

55 (e) Develop a training curriculum for wildland forestry  
 56 firefighters which must contain a minimum of 40 hours of  
 57 structural firefighter training, a minimum of 40 hours of  
 58 emergency medical training, ~~the basic volunteer structural fire~~  
 59 training course approved by the Florida State Fire College of  
 60 the Division of State Fire Marshal and a minimum of 376 ~~250~~  
 61 hours of wildfire training;

62 Section 5. Subsection (8) of section 633.408, Florida  
 63 Statutes, is amended to read:

64 633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and  
 65 certification.—

66 (8) (a) Pursuant to s. 590.02(1) (e), the division shall  
 67 establish a structural fire training program of not less than 40  
 68 ~~206~~ hours. The division shall issue to a person satisfactorily  
 69 complying with this training program and who has successfully  
 70 passed an examination as prescribed by the division and who has  
 71 met the requirements of s. 590.02(1) (e), a Wildland Firefighter  
 72 ~~Forestry~~ Certificate of Compliance.

73 (b) An individual who holds a current and valid Wildland  
 74 Firefighter Forestry Certificate of Compliance is entitled to  
 75 the same rights, privileges, and benefits provided for by law as

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76 | a firefighter.

77 |       Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.