

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. 597.003,
17 F.S.; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and
18 Consumer Services to revoke an aquaculture certificate
19 of registration under certain conditions; amending s.
20 633.408, F.S.; providing wildland firefighter training
21 and certification for certain firefighters and
22 volunteer firefighters; providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 316.520, Florida
 27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 316.520 Loads on vehicles.—

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

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

38 570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
 39 functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and
 40 exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

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

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

46 570.441 Pest Control Trust Fund.—

47 (4) In addition to the uses authorized under subsection
 48 (2), moneys collected or received by the department under
 49 chapter 482 may be used to carry out the provisions of s.
 50 570.44. This subsection expires June 30, 2024 ~~2020~~.

51 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
 52 590.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

53 590.02 Florida Forest Service; powers, authority, and
 54 duties; liability; building structures; Withlacoochee Training
 55 Center.—

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

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

65 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 66 597.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

67 597.003 Powers and duties of Department of Agriculture and
 68 Consumer Services.—

69 (1) The department is hereby designated as the lead agency
 70 in encouraging the development of aquaculture in the state and
 71 shall have and exercise the following functions, powers, and
 72 duties with regard to aquaculture:

73 (a) Issue or deny aquaculture certificates that identify
 74 aquaculture producers and aquaculture products, and collect all
 75 related fees. The department may revoke an aquaculture

76 | certificate of registration issued pursuant to s. 597.004 upon a
77 | finding that aquaculture is not the primary purpose of the
78 | certified entity's operation.

79 | Section 6. Subsection (8) of section 633.408, Florida
80 | Statutes, is amended to read:

81 | 633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and
82 | certification.—

83 | (8) (a) Pursuant to s. 590.02(1)(e), the division shall
84 | establish a structural fire training program of not less than 40
85 | ~~206~~ hours. The division shall issue to a person satisfactorily
86 | complying with this training program and who has successfully
87 | passed an examination as prescribed by the division and who has
88 | met the requirements of s. 590.02(1)(e), a Wildland Firefighter
89 | ~~Forestry~~ Certificate of Compliance.

90 | (b) An individual who holds a current and valid Wildland
91 | Firefighter ~~Forestry~~ Certificate of Compliance is entitled to
92 | the same rights, privileges, and benefits provided for by law as
93 | a firefighter.

94 | Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.