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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to aquaculture land value.

An act relating to aquaculture land valuation; amending s. 193.461, F.S.; requiring structures and equipment used in the production of aquaculture products to be assessed a specified way when the land is assessed using the income methodology approach; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section 193.461, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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193.461 Agricultural lands; classification and assessment; mandated eradication or quarantine program; natural disasters.—

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(c)1. For purposes of the income methodology approach to assessment of property used for agricultural purposes, irrigation systems, including pumps and motors, physically attached to the land shall be considered a part of the average yields per acre and shall have no separately assessable contributory value.

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2. Litter containment structures located on producing poultry farms and animal waste nutrient containment structures located on producing dairy farms shall be assessed by the methodology described in subparagraph 1.

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3. Structures or improvements used in horticultural production for frost or freeze protection, which are consistent with the interim measures or best management practices adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to s. 570.93 or s. 403.067(7)(c), shall be assessed by the methodology described in subparagraph 1.

- 4. Screened enclosed structures used in horticultural production for protection from pests and diseases or to comply with state or federal eradication or compliance agreements shall be assessed by the methodology described in subparagraph 1.
- 5. For purposes of the income methodology approach to assessment of land used in the production of aquaculture products, structures and equipment are considered part the average yields per acre and have no separately assessable contributory value.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.